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NSL'S DIVIDEND

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE National Soccer League's experiment in switching to a summer season seems to have paid handsome dividends if last weekend's opening round attendances are any indication.

The seven games, including a double-header at Marconi Stadium, attracted 26,303 spectators.

The first round last season, played in January this year, brought out 19,556 fans.

Some 6,747 more people watched last weekend's games in perfect conditions — an increase of more than 25 percent on last season's corresponding figures.

And this despite the

fact that Sydney was deprived of Sunday football.

Melbourne drew the largest crowd of the round for the Melbourne Croatia v Preston Makedonia clash at Somers Street.

It's early days yet, but "summer" soccer looks a winner with the fans.

With more promotion there's no reason why a new NSL season attendance record can't be set this year.

At this stage, given continued good weather, last season's total attendance of 530,000-plus should be eclipsed.

This week's programme could again come close to the 25,000-mark as Blacktown City are gearing up for a bumper crowd for the opening of the new-look Gabbie Sta-



Sydney Olympic's Grant Lee against St George last year. This weekend he'll be a key player in Sunday's match of the round against Melbourne Croatia.

dium against champions Marconi and the match at St George Stadium between Sydney Olympic and Melbourne Croatia should also be well attended.

The quality of football last week was en-

tertaining enough to entice the fans back for more.

Actually, it was surprisingly good for this early stage of the season when most teams are expected to still be unsettled.

FANS HAVE THEIR SAY

ASW will introduce a new service in the coming season.

In the past, controversial issues in Australian soccer were written and talked about by the media, administered by our various officials yet the fan — the one who pays his money through the turnstiles — never has a voice in just what is happening in Australian soccer.

Each week ASW will ask the fans' opinion on a controversial issue and they can have their say.

The first issue is "summer soccer".

Others will follow — for example, the virtues or otherwise of Friday, Saturday or Sunday night matches.

It is good for the game, do you agree with the idea?

If you agree, register your YES vote simply by dialing 0055-20526. If you disagree and wish to register a NO vote phone 0055-20527.

Results will be published in next week's ASW.

— JOHNNY WARREN

★★★
**JOHNSTON'S
SECRET SOCCER
AMBITIONS**
**Craig opens up
... see page 21**

★★★

EXCLUSIVE NSL PLAYERS RATINGS — see pages 4/6 inside



ASF unhappy with Oceania's policies

BY TED SIMMONS OF AAP

AUSTRALIA will fight to overturn an Oceania Confederation vote which rejected a home and away clash for any second qualifying round in the 1991 Youth World Cup.

Australian Soccer Federation chairman Ian Brusasco said on his return from the Oceania Confederation meeting in Fiji that he had argued against any second round being played on a group finals basis.

"It is almost certain that a second round will be required for Oceania and I didn't want to see a repeat of what happened earlier this year in Syria," Brusasco said.

"But everyone else wanted the top two teams from Oceania to qualify for a group tournament and with New Zealand a key speaker against our proposal, it was easily beaten."

"It seems the others in Oceania are more interested in competing than winning so we have to do it the hard way."

Under the two-team proposal, earlier this year Australia and New Zealand, as the leading Oceania qualifiers, had to fly to



IAN BRUSASCO

Syria for a group tournament where they finished behind Syria and Qatar.

Brusasco said the Fiji meeting decided the Oceania Youth qualifying rounds will be played in Papua New Guinea in September next year.

It is not yet known whether Israel will be competing or whether the winner will qualify direct to the finals in Nigeria.

The meeting also decided the World Under 16 elimination rounds will be played in New

Zealand in early February 1991.

Israel has been placed in the European zone and the Oceania winner will qualify direct for the finals in Ecuador in July 1991.

"I am disappointed about some of the decisions and will try hard to have the youth proposals changed," said Brusasco.

"But we did get two positive decisions when Australia was co-opted to the Finance Committee and we demanded that FIFA coach Heinz Marotzke include Australia in his tour of the region next February."

"Some previous decisions of the Finance Committee have been contrary to executive rulings and we've always wanted to know what's been happening financially."

Brusasco said there had not been any news from FIFA on the future of the Oceania Confederation and it's now expected to be announced when the Statutes Committee meets in early January.

Top post for Joe Brent



JOE BRENT

AUSTRALIAN Indoor Soccer chief Joe Brent has been appointed to the Board of the Australian Confederation of Sport to fill the casual vacancy created by the resignation of Dene Moore, who has taken on the position of full-time executive director of the Confederation.

Brent becomes soccer's sole representative on this powerful and prestigious Australian sporting body.

Denmark for woman Aussie star

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN's international Julie Murray will not be accepting a contract to play semi-professional soccer in Italy.



Julie Murray

Murray, who plays for the Weston Creek club in Canberra, said recently that she had been unhappy with some of the aspects of the contracts, which would have required her to leave almost immediately.

Instead, she will now look at the possibility of playing in Denmark next year.

When that happens Australia will be losing players in both women's and men's ranks.

— GRAHAM COOKE

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Melita Stadium

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St George Stadium

SUNSHINE G.C.

Home ground to be advised weekly

WOLLONGONG CITY

Brandon Park

Apia Club factions join forces

FOLLOWING ASW's exclusive article on the nomination of fresh board members for the Apia Club Ltd (October 25 issue), there has been a deal of fence-mending.

Mr Tony Raciti said: "Subsequent to the article, a number of proposed candidates withdrew their nominations."

"This was done as it was felt that it would result in more stability at the club."

"After discussions it was believed that there could be more working together in future."

"In consequence all the junior coaches and managers have withdrawn their resignations."

When contacted, Apia Club Ltd president Mr Nick Papallo said he preferred not to make any statement.

— KEITH GILMOUR

SBS double-header

SOCCER lovers will be able to watch a live double-header on SBS-TV in the wee hours of Thursday, November 16.

SBS will bring in the World Cup qualifiers between the USSR and Turkey and Scotland and Norway.

USSR-Turkey in Simferopol, kicks off, to be followed by the Hampden Park clash.

Watch your local papers for telecast times.

The USSR-Turkey

game was originally set down for November 8 but FIFA decided all European qualifiers would kick off simultaneously to ensure fairness in the decisive final round.

This way, USSR v Turkey coincides with the other vital Group 3 clash between Austria and East Germany played in Vienna, and Spain v Hungary and Malta v Eire will also kick off at the same time as will Holland-Finland and West Germany-Wales.

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NSL — live on the telephone!

THE National Soccer League have appointed Information Dialing Services, one of Australia's leading information providers on the 0055 Network, to provide an exclusive comprehensive range of information on soccer for the NSL.

The service will have three major sections.

Firstly, in conjunction with three of Australia's leading soccer identities — Les Murray, Johnny Warren and Andy Paschalidis — IDS will bring you a live commentary of selected games for the entire season. The range of games to be covered will feature all major teams and most popular fixtures. On match days dial 0055-21150 for "ball by ball" non-stop coverage by telephone of the match-of-the-day.

Secondly, IDS have established individual telephone services for all the clubs within the League. This will enable each club to provide a comprehensive range of information — from fixture details to special events.

Thirdly, IDS will establish an information service for the NSL itself. These services will announce special events, news, and general information on soccer within Australia.

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Melbourne Croatia	0055-21157
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South Melbourne	0055-21159
St George BSC	0055-21160
Sunshine George Cross	0055-21161
Sydney Croatia	0055-21162
Sydney Olympic	0055-21163
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Olympic-Melbourne Croatia tops the bill

Gala at the Gabbie

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

also Sean Keogh's big test

AT Hindmarsh Stadium this Friday evening Adelaide City and Parramatta Melita meet for the first time in the NSL.

At home, Zoran Matic's side will be hard to beat, particularly after their fine away win at Wollongong last weekend — a sharp contrast to their disastrous start last season — but Eagles coach Raul Blanco is looking forward to their first-ever journey to Adelaide as both sides play flowing football.

Blanco is relying on Gus Cerro to shake off his coked thigh and Aytak Genc, so important to Melita's chances this season, should return from injury.

Sergio Falce may still not play due to an immigration wrangle, but Blanco is confident once his side gets a taste of the big time they will be hard to toss.

Blacktown, who only just survived the drop last season, will be fully tested against in-form champions Marconi in the gala game at Gabbie Stadium at 7pm, particularly if their back four is not yet settled.

With new signing Charlie Yankos still settling in and Paul Carter playing out of his best position as fullback, Demons custodian Bill Londos will again have a busy evening to keep the likes of Nastevski, de Jong, Lowe and Co at bay.

In Paul Okon, Marconi have unearthed a future star and with

the ability to attack from anywhere on the park the Fairfielders should take both points despite playing away from home.

Mixed fortunes

APIA and Wollongong meet on Saturday at Lambert Park at 6pm with both sides having experienced mixed fortunes last weekend against the Adelaide duo.

Wollongong went down at home against the classy Adelaide City, while APIA delivered the perfect debut for Manfred Schaefer with a 2-0 win over Adelaide Hellas.

Wollongong have beaten APIA only once in 16 matches and with Rod Brown again displaying lethal finishing the Wolves may well find APIA hard to beat.

West Adelaide Hellas, fresh back in the big time, will have their hands full when they travel to Preston.

Makedonia earned a valuable point against Melbourne Croatia last week while Hellas, although playing well in patches, went down to APIA.

Hellas have never beaten Preston in Melbourne and the trend should continue this Saturday.

St George's mastermind Frank Arok, although happy with his young side's point against Blacktown, is wary of the 'wounded lion' this weekend.



Two-goal hero Rod Brown

Arok's charges face Liverpool Croatia at the Croatian Sports Centre, where the Saints have won only once.

Arok is certain the new-look Croatia will come back with a bang this week following their humiliation at

South Melbourne.

On Sunday two important matches will go a long way to assess the main contenders for this season's crown.

Sunshine play host to the Ferenc Puskas-inspired South Melbourne while Olympic are at home against Melbourne Croatia on Sunday.

Last week Sunshine won the Maltese "derby" 2-0, with the Foster brothers settling in well and Ossie Latif proving once again that he will have

another good season as he tormented the Melita defence.

George Cross must come to grips with the South Melbourne juggernaut that thrashed Liverpool Croatia 4-0 last Sunday.

Hellas have on paper the best balanced side in the league and Sean Keogh will no doubt have a busy afternoon.

Tony Spyridakos will come into Sydney Olympic's line-up to replace the suspended Andrew Bernal, while Eddie Thomson may

also bring Grant Lee into the starting side to provide more thrust up front to counteract the irrepressible Melbourne Croatia.

While the new signings of Marth and Markovski added to Croatia's already impressive array of talent, Thomson feels that taking the game to Croatia as they did so effectively in last season's major semi-final could be the answer.

There may be plenty of goals in what should be the match of the round.

SUMMER SOCCER

"THE HEAT IS ON"

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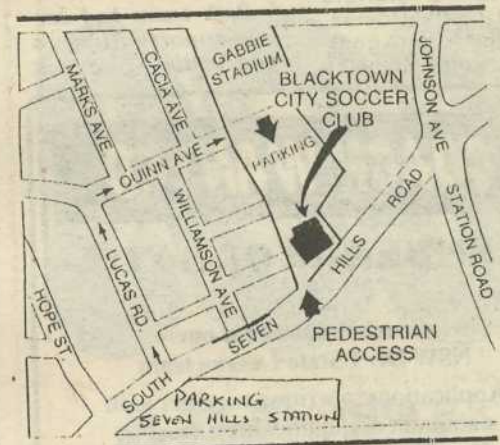
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NSL opener goes missing

IF you were not a reader of THE AUSTRALIAN and if you lived in Sydney, you could be excused for being totally unaware the 1989/90 NSL kicked off last Friday.

The two main Sydney newspapers, THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD and THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, did not print a single line on the evening's season opener between St George and Blacktown.

THE AUSTRALIAN's Ray Gatt, on the other hand, gave a lengthy, comprehensive preview of the match and also

touched on the Melbourne-Croatia v Preston game in Melbourne.

This astonishing state of affairs was compounded by the fact that the NSL did not see fit to even publish the smallest of advertisements announcing the St George Stadium fixture.

So much for a "gala" kick-off to the season!

The seasons may have changed, but lack of promotion remains constant.

As the French saying goes: more things change, more they stay the same.

And that's enough to make a grown man cry...

— LOU GAUTIER

Magnificent Marconi!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

TWO-TIME NSL champions Marconi served warning they are on course to complete an unprecedented hat-trick of titles when they produced some of the best football seen at club level to defeat Sydney Olympic 1-0 at Marconi Stadium last Saturday.

Marconi turned on a scintillating display of one-touch soccer in the second half that had Olympic dazzled as green shirts raced into gaps all over the pitch in anticipation of receiving pin-point passes.



CLINT GOSLING

Coach Berti Mariani, obviously pleased with his team's excellent display of open, fast attacking football, agreed.

"Yes, I think our tour of Czechoslovakia did us the world of good. Our players are thinking faster and moving off the ball much more eagerly to create gaps."

Marconi's air of confidence, creativity and a minimal degree of mistakes were shining proof of the benefits of the tour of Czechoslovakia.

The first half was relatively even as Olympic midfielders Tommy Pontidas (twice) and John Koch and Marconi's 17-year-old sweeper Paul Okon and striker David Lowe came very close to scoring.

But Olympic's resistance buckled after half-time under Marconi's relentless pressure, made much easier after they lost their sweeper Andrew Bernal, red-carded in the 58th minute by referee Richard Lorenc for a nasty tackle on Tommy McCulloch.

Tough linkman Robbie Ironside dropped back into central defence, leaving dynamic Gary Phillips almost all alone in a hopeless effort to stem the Marconi midfield tide.

Marconi's midfield trio of Gerry Gomez, McCulloch and goalscorer Peter Katholos

sprayed first-time balls to their strikers with monotonous regularity.

An innovative feature of Marconi's attack was the enormous involvement of free-back Paul Okon and right-back Robbie Wheatley, who repeatedly contributed to many of Marconi's forward forays.

Five minutes after the break, Kiwi ace

Fred de Jong angled a short-range shot from the right that ricocheted off the Olympic left post and cannoned into Clint Gosling's grateful gloves.

Two minutes later, left-back Jean-Paul de Marigny chimed into attack, squared to Wheatley, who in turn set up Katholos to drive into the target from 12 metres out.

Kevin Hagan, Sydney Olympic's new signing, was starved of the ball in the first half and in the second session he was forced to drift back into midfield looking for possession.

David Lowe split Olympic's defence in the 75th minute as he streaked away on a 35-metre raid, but his final shot was tipped around the post by the inspired Gosling.

Just three minutes later, Gosling again was

under pressure as Nastevski threatened but was just wide of the right post.

The 80th minute found the Stadium plunged into darkness as the floodlights went off due to an automatic time-clock that had not been reset the previous night after training. Play was held up for eight minutes to allow a 'cool-off' period before power was brought back on.

Olympic coach Eddie Thomson lamented after the match: "Our missed chances in the first half proved costly and we got buried in the second half although we played okay."

MARCONI: Catlin 6, Wheatley 8, Calderan 6, Okon 8, De Marigny 6, Gomez 6, McCulloch 7, Katholos 7 (Colagiuri 85), Lowe 8, Nastevski 6, De Jong 6 (Gray 73).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling 8, Barrett 8, Plataniotis 5, Bernal (sent off, no points), Georgakis 8, Pontidas 5, Ironside 7, Phillips 8, Koch 5 (Hrist 70), Saad 5, Hagan 5 (Lee 62).

SCORER: Katholos 52m for Marconi.

YELLOW CARDS: Nastevski 24m, de Jong 41m for Marconi; Bernal 24m, Pontidas 41m, Plataniotis 88m for Olympic.

RED CARD: Bernal 58m for Olympic.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc 9.

CROWD: 7821 (double-header).



PETER KATHOLOS: capped a good performance with the winning goal.

First blood to Krslovic

BY LOU GAUTIER

ST GEORGE striker Tony Krslovic scored the first goal of the new NSL season but this was only enough to secure a 1-1 draw for his club against Blacktown City at St George Stadium last Friday evening.

Both teams had ample opportunities to add to the score, but

countless scoring chances went begging at both ends.

Spectators were entertained to a free-flowing game, packed with goalmouth incidents which could have gone either way.

Both teams had several chances, Saints in the first 25 minutes when they threatened to run Blacktown off their feet, and the Demons in the final minutes when Zlatko Arambasic could have sealed the result.

An error by Blacktown goalkeeper Bill Londos, who was to redeem himself later, gave Saints the first goal when he palmed a harmless cross by Zoran Ilic onto the bar and was too slow to gather the rebound, which was pounced upon gratefully by Krslovic.

Saints could have forged further ahead in the 23rd and 33rd minutes when Mathew Bingley and Ilic came close, but in the 36th minute Blacktown were on level terms.

Geoff Gunning was



ZORAN ILIC

brought down by John Filan, deputising in the St George goal for Mike Gibson, and captain Ralph Maier converted the spot-kick.

Six minutes later, Saints had a lucky escape when Arambasic was impeded by Filan in what looked like another clear-cut penalty situation, but referee Peter Spiers waved play on.

Filan and his Blacktown counterpart Londos stole the honours in the second half as they threw themselves fearlessly at the feet of both sets of forwards.

On chances alone, the match would have yielded another three to four goals had it not

been for the heroics of the two 'keepers.

Londos dived bravely at the feet of Andy Harper in the 83rd minute and Filan took centre stage to deny Gunning in the 51st and, especially, Arambasic in a 40-second spell in the 86th.

All in all, it was a surprisingly entertaining game for so early in the season, with the two teams showing encouraging form for the tough grind ahead.

ST GEORGE: Filan 7, Green 6, Morakeas 5, Spanoudakis 5, Moffitt 6, O'Shea 5, Harper 5, Krslovic 5 (Kakakios 70), Bingley 4, Ilic 5, Ollerenshaw 4.

BLACKTOWN: Londos 6, Carter 5, Yankos 5, Reynolds 5, Northam 5, Longo 5, Gibson 6, Maier 5, McKinna 4 (Jee 57), Arambasic 4, Gunning 6.

SCORERS: Krslovic 19m for St George; Maier 36m (pen) for Blacktown.

YELLOW CARDS: Moffatt 21m for St George.

REFEREE: P. Spiers 6.

CROWD: 2549.



Quit National League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne.....	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Adelaide City.....	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Apia Leichhardt.....	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Sunshine GC.....	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Marconi Fairfield.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	2

Blacktown City.....	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
St George BSC.....	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Melbourne Croatia.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Preston Makedonia.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sydney Olympic.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Parramatta Melita.....	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
West Ad Hellas.....	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Wollongong City.....	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Liverpool Croatia.....	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Results

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Somers Street Stadium. Crowd: 7947.

ST GEORGE 1 (T. Krslovic) BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (R. Maier) at George Stadium. Crowd: 2549.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (C. Veart, A. Vidmar) WOLLONGONG CITY 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 1223.

APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (R. Brown 2) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 7821 (double-header).

MARCONI FAIRFIELD 1 (P. Katholos) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 7821 (double-header).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (P. Lewis, O. Latif) PARRAMATTA MELITA 0 at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 1973.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (K. Taliadoros, P. Trimboli, P. Tsolakis, P. Wade) LIVERPOOL CROATIA 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 4800.

Top Scorers

Rod Brown	(Apia)	2
Peter Katholos	(Marconi)	1
Tony Krslovic	(St George)	1
Ossie Latif	(Sunshine)	1
Paul Lewis	(Sunshine)	1
Ralph Maier	(Blacktown)	1
Kim Taliadoros	(Sth Melbourne)	1
Paul Trimboli	(Sth Melbourne)	1
Peter Tsolakis	(Sth Melbourne)	1
Carl Veart	(Ad City)	1
Aurelio Vidmar	(Ad City)	1
Paul Wade	(Sth Melbourne)	1

Crowds

ROUND 1: 26,303

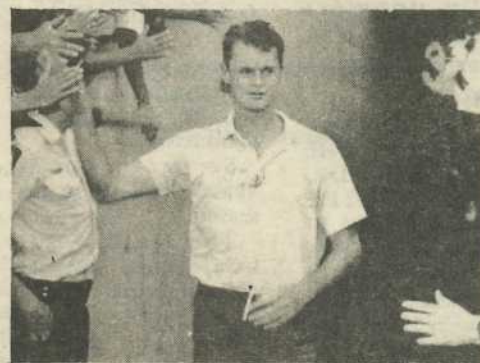
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Team of the week

C. GOSLING (Sydney Olympic)
R. WHEATLEY (Marconi)
A. POSTECOGLOU (SM Hellas)
P. OKON (Marconi)
S. GEORGAKIS (Sydney Olympic)
M. PETERSEN (SM Hellas)
T. MCCULLOCH (Marconi)
C. VEART (Ad City)
D. LOWE (Marconi)
F. AWARITEFE (Melb. Croatia)
O. LATIF (Sunshine GC)

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0-0 draw in splendid Somers Street opener

BY PETER DESIRA

ANDREW Marth made a dream start to his stint with Melbourne Croatia by being named the man of the match by his coach after his side drew 0-0 with Preston Makedonia on the opening night of the season.

Marth had an intriguing tussle with Preston's two forwards Steve Smith and Warren Spink, making a number of timely interceptions, tackling hard, blocking a good shot from Spink which was set for the back of the net and setting up one of the side's best scoring chances.

"He played exceptionally well for his first game with new teammates. I was very pleased with his performance and no one came close to him for the man-of-the-match honours," Raznjevic said after the match.

The encounter attracted a bumper crowd of almost 8,000 spectators and none would have left disappointed despite the scoreless result.

Both sides appeared rusty at times but they created a number of scoring chances and it was fine performances by the two keepers which kept the game goalless.

The only blemish on the game was the sending-off of Preston sweeper Steve Jackson, who had been one of the star performers until the 78th minute.

Jackson was involved in an excellent build-up by Preston which saw a shot by Robert Markovac hit the post. The sweeper spooned the re-



STEVE JACKSON: sent off after being one of the star performers for Preston Makedonia.

bound over the bar and started heading back to his defensive position in disappointment.

As he raced back, he clashed with Joe Caleta and the Melbourne Croatia midfielder later had to be helped off the ground with blood pouring from his nose.

Croatia officials alleged Jackson hit Caleta with a full-blooded punch, but the sweeper later claimed he was taunted into the incident.

Referee Chris Cambridge saw the incident and had no hesitation bringing out the red card.

The near-miss by Preston came in response to a similar close shave at

the other end where John Markovski's shot bounded off the post. Ivan Duzel swooped on



ANDREW ZINNI

the rebound to send the ball back across goal but Francis Awaritefe, sliding in at the far post, only managed to divert the ball wide.

The other good scoring chances of the game were:

- 44th minute: Joe Biskic's cross from the left is headed down by Marth and Zeljko Adzic hits an overhead volley which forces Traianedes into a good save.

- 53rd: Alan Davidson swoops on a Biskic corner to hit a full-blooded volley goalwards from the edge of the box, but Traianedes stretches to make an excellent save.

- 57th: Preston's Robert Markovac gets on the end of a Warren Spink cross to head down goalwards. The ball takes an awkward bounce to deceive Joe Rados in goal, but the Melbourne Croatia keeper somehow manages to change direction and flies across goal to push the ball round the post for the save of the match.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Rados 7, Davidson 7, Hannah 6, Selemidis 6, Marth 8, Biskic 6, Adzic 5 (Duzel second half 5) Milosevic 5, Caleta 5 (Kelic 78), Awaritefe 7, Markovski 7.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 7, Runje 5, Jackson (sent off, no points) Tasevski 7, Petrov 6, Slifkas 5, Zinni 7, Jolevski 7, Markovac 6 (Piculovski 90) Smith 6 (Spasevski 70), Spink 5.

YELLOW CARDS: Marth, Kelic, Markovski for Croatia; Tasevski for Preston.

RED CARD: Jackson 78m for Preston.

REFEREE: C. Cambridge 7.

CROWD: 7947.

Sunshine ruins the party for Melita

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SUNSHINE George Cross' ruggedness and ability to turn defenders and snap up the chances earned them a 2-0 away win over Parramatta Melita at Melita Stadium last Saturday night.

For their part, Melita displayed the better skills, but their defence sprung leaks and the midfield often failed to deliver.

It was Melita's first foray in NSL ranks since 1984, and the night was one big Maltese party cum family picnic.

The first real chance on the shiny green pitch fell to George Cross.

Midfielder Paul Foster produced an inviting head-high cross but Ossi Latif was centimetres over the target with his header.

It was the aggressive Latif who powered a low 40-metre drive in the 34th minute, and it took Melita goalkeeper Alex McPherson all his time to master the difficult bounce.

The game continued on, with the visitors providing the substance, and bringing the delicate touches of midfielder Hugo Gimenez to nought.

Washington Gonzales, the former Uruguayan international, gave some brilliant deft touches.

The problem was, however, that his work was often too static, except for a period midway through the second half when he moved into better positions.

There was some



OSSIE LATIF (left): should be amongst the goals again this season.

chance of Melita forcing a draw, especially whilst Gus Cerro was leading the Sunshine defenders a merry dance.

The fine work ended with half-time due to a pulled muscle, and after that Greg Brown was playing a lone hand up front.

In the 78th minute Sunshine's Paul Lewis proved he can deliver. John Waddell saw his shot miraculously cleared off the line by Gimenez, but Lewis accepted the rebound to shoot hard, low and successfully from 15 metres.

Ossi Latif killed off his marker for an enterprising 91st minute goal, which he richly deserved.

Referee Manny Loupis did not help with the flow of the game by handing out

eight yellow cards in what was not really all that tough a game.

PARRAMATTA MELITA: McPherson 6, Williams 5 (Calabassi 79), Meerbani 5, Barrios 5, Gonzales 6, Callanan 5, Gimenez 6, Mason 5, Parison 5, Cerro 7 (Farugia, second half, 4), Brown 6.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 6, Campbell 5, Ketsakidis 6, Waddell 6, Parton 6, C. Foster 7, Lewis 6, P. Foster 6, Faulkner 6, Hasler 5 (Clarkson 67), Latif 7.

SCORERS: Lewis 78m, Latif 91m for Sunshine.

YELLOW CARDS: Mason 12m, Parison 14m, Barrios 40m, Williams 60m for Melita; Faulkner 10m, Hasler 36m, C. Foster 64m, Ketsakidis 83m for Sunshine.

REFEREE: M. Loupis 4.

CROWD: 1973.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE ACTION ON SUNDAY

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LIVERPOOL CROATIA v ST GEORGE BSC

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ABC-TV

Awesome Puskas debut

BY GREG BLAKE

FERENC Puskas take a bow.

South Melbourne's new coach has put the sting well and truly back in the Hellas tail.

At least that's the way it looked on Sunday as Hellas demolished a weakened Sydney Croatia to the tune of 4-0 at Middle Park.

The Hellas faithful ignored the late afternoon storm clouds, driving rain and thunderclaps to stay on to applaud their heroes off the park following the club's most successful opening day victory in 13 NSL seasons.

And when Puskas' portly figure appeared from the coaches' dug-out the fans stomped, clapped and cheered their approval.

Sydney Croatia, missing at least four players from its best line-up, was never a match for a South Melbourne side which showed what team football was all about.

Hellas players were as swift as gunfire as they ran, passed, made position and gave each other any amount of options.

It was football in the classical Puskas mould and a brand of game tailor-made for this talented Middle Park outfit.

Only goalkeeper Bruce MacLaren and sweeper Paul Fernandes remained as stoic defenders.

The rest of the Hellas side, including full-backs Angie Postecoglou and David Healy, linked up down the ground as South Melbourne attacked in irresistible waves.

Croatia was resolute but pedestrian by comparison.

The epitome of the 'new' South Melbourne was Mike Petersen.

Petersen was tackling, chasing at full pace and throwing his weight in at the back as well as playing his usual role of the consummate mid-field general.

Croatia had its mo-



PAUL TRIMBOLI — too elusive a target for Sydney Croatia.

ments but they were fleeting and came mainly through the endeavours of just a handful of players.

Graham Arnold, despite having to chase back more than he should have needed to, gave his all and Alan Hunter was brutal but brilliant as he tried to shore up a defence on the verge of collapses.

Kim Taliadoros, a blossoming forward possessed with awesome power, netted South's first after 19 minutes with a cool finish after running on to Danny Wright's through ball.

MacLaren pulled off a brave stop from Arnold's feet just before the break but Hellas made it 2-0 just after the restart when Postecoglou did the hard

work in setting up Trimboli and left the young Soccerroo to side-step his marker and chip the ball home.

Peter Tsolakis calmly thumped home number

three in the 59th minute as he hesitated to tease the Croatia defence before driving his shot through a sea of legs and past 17-year-old debutant goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac.

Wright's run and chip into the path of Wade set it up for 4-0 as Wade was left with the task of selling the keeper a dummy before slotting the ball home with four minutes remaining.

Two minutes from time Alan Hunter received his marching orders from referee John Fraser for a second bookable offence as he brought down Trimboli from behind.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: MacLaren 6, Healy 6, Postecoglou 6, Fernandes 6, Blair 6, Wade 5, Petersen 8, Wright 7, Taliadoros 7, Trimboli 7 (Mori 89), Tsolakis 6.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kalac 4, Savor 5, Grbevski 4, Babic 4, Hunter (no points — sent off), Rumora 3, (French 64), Jones 4, Zelic 4, Lamond 4, (Popovic 64), Seal 3, Arnold 6.

SCORERS: Taliadoros 19m, Trimboli 47m, Tsolakis 59m, Wade 86m for South Melbourne.

YELLOW CARDS: Hunter 48m for Croatia.

RED CARD: Hunter 88m for Croatia.

REFEREE: John Fraser 5.

CROWD: 4800.

Veart the star for crisp Adelaide City

BY LEN CHAFER

WOLLONGONG started the game in workmanlike

fashion with Richard Lloyd and Danny Crainie putting over some great crosses from the left.

It was not until the 15th minute, with a cross coming over from the right by David Skeen that Wollongong came close to scoring, McFadden lunging at the ball but his header went centimetres over the bar.

McFadden came in for some heavy tackling from Neville Flounders, and referee Gary Power had no hesitation giving Flounders a yellow card in the 25th minute after he brought McFadden down in midfield.

Skeen was again involved in the action in the 38th minute when he put an excellent ball through for Randell Easthorpe to run onto, only to see the ball put away for a corner.

In the 40th minute Wollongong's two appeals for a penalty were turned down by Power after Crainie tried to cross the ball from the left.

From a corner by Crainie, McFadden headed the ball towards

goal, but it was cleared off the line by Tony Vidmar.

At the other end Jock Morlando took Carl Veart's legs from underneath him in a 'ball and all' tackle.

Wollongong looked the more enterprising team at half-time but after the break Adelaide was quickly in the action with Maxwell going close with a powerful header in the 48th minute, Pupovac getting down well to bring off a brilliant save.

Not to be outdone, McFadden showed he was capable of matching Maxwell's skills when at the other end a smart header brought out the best in Adelaide's goalkeeper Robert Zabica.

Adelaide was slowly getting on top and a goal came in the 59th minute for the visitors when a great cross by Veart from the right was headed in the corner of the net by Aurelio Vidmar.

David Ratcliffe then replaced himself with newcomer Roberts but Adelaide's midfield was well on top by this stage and Ratcliffe made another change bringing on Peter Kotaminidis for Hristovski.

Veart, Sergio Melta,

and Adrian Santrac were running with the ball as they pleased.

Adelaide kept attacking through the middle and two great point-blank range saves by Pupovac kept Adelaide from going further ahead.

Just before the final whistle, Veart, AdCity's best player, ran with the ball down the centre of the field, went past Vlietstra, drew the goalkeeper, and hammered the ball in the far corner of the goal, to give his team both points.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Pupovac 7, Skeen 8, Lloyd 5, Ratcliffe 6, (Roberts 59), Vlietstra 5, Morlando 5, Lardis 5, Hristovski 5, (Kotaminidis 69), Easthorpe 5, McFadden 7, Crainie 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica 6, T. Vidmar 6, Tobin 6, Ivanovich 7, Flounders 6, Melta 6, Santrac 7, Veart 8, Mulen 6, Maxwell 6, A. Vidmar 7.

SCORERS: A. Vidmar 59m, Veart 90m for Adelaide City.

YELLOW CARDS: Flounders 25m for Ad City, Vlietstra 76m, Lloyd 34m for Wollongong.

REFEREE: G. Power 6.

CROWD: 1223.

Two-goal Rod Brown to Apia's rescue

BY JOE DI MEGLIO

ROD Brown helped himself to two goals as Apia Leichhardt secured a 2-0 victory against NSL newcomers West Adelaide at Marconi Stadium in the first match of the double-header bill last Saturday night.

Brown, plagued last season with injuries, came to the fore in the 27th minute when he

finished an Alex Bundalo pass with a blistering left foot shot from 20 metres out.

Apia, though, can be grateful for the alertness of their goalkeeper and former captain Tony Pezzano, who was called upon to save at the feet of Raymond Blair as early as the 10th minute.

The match was an even battle.

Both teams tried to create chances for themselves, with Milan

Blagojevic and Bruce Halliday for APIA, and George Konstandopoulos and Lemmy Vatsilas for West Adelaide standing out for their sides.

After an uneventful first half, played mainly in midfield, both teams showed more enterprise in the second stanza.

But it took 23 minutes for the first opportunity of the half, and that was Apia's second goal.

Klaus Okon, who was discarded by Marconi at the end of last season, received a ball on the Adelaide six-yard box.

Goalie Miller could

only parry the ball to the feet of Rod Brown who made no mistake from a metre out to give APIA a 2-0 lead.

West Adelaide to their credit threw everything into attack and were almost rewarded for their pressure.

Substitute Richard Preston was denied by Pezzano who made only his second save of the match when a goalmouth scramble allowed Preston to get his shot in only for Pezzano to gather the shot on the second attempt.

And six minutes later, Martin Doak rose above two defenders

to see his header fly centimetres over the crossbar.

The 2-0 scoreline was deceiving. Apia were not all that superior. The difference was Rod Brown, who looks to be back to his best goalscoring form.

APIA: Pezzano 6, Jennings 6, Stewart 5 (M. Brown 69), Halliday 7, Ellem 4, Blagojevic 6, R. Brown 6, Bundalo 5, van Blerk 5 (Cosentino 79), Okon 4, Murray 4.

WEST ADELAIDE: D. Miller 5, Watkins 4, Barnett 4, Maricic 4 (C. Miller 61), Doak 4, Heirn 5, Brazzale 4, Blair 5, Kidd 5, Konstandopoulos 6 (Preston 67), Vatsilas 6.

SCORERS: R. Brown 27 and 68m for Apia.

YELLOW CARDS: Murray 25m for APIA, Watkins 1m, Konstandopoulos 30m for West Adelaide.

REFEREE: Jim Reeves (Newcastle) 5.

CROWD: 7821 (double-header).

Nat Youth League

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ROUND 2

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10

Adelaide City v Parramatta Melita Hindmarsh Stad 7.30pm

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

Blacktown City v Marconi-Fairfield Gabbie Stadium 7pm
APIA Leichhardt v Wollongong City Lambert Park 6pm
Preston Mak' v West Adelaide Connor Reserve 6pm
L'pool Croatia v St George BSC Croatian Spis Centre 7pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

Sunshine GC v South Melbourne TBA
Sydney Olympic v Melbourne Croatia St George Stadium 7pm

SOCCER POOLS

THE POOLS



LAST WEEKS RESULTS WEEK 223 SAT 4 NOVEMBER, 1989

POOLS RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

Total Prize Pool \$334,421.04

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 6, 13, 15, 17, 22, 30. Supplementary Number: 38

Division 1

The Prize Pool is \$262,468.09. No winner - Jackpot week 224 (Est. \$400,000 next week).

Division 2

The Prize Pool is \$4,114.20
4 provisional winners of \$1,028.55 ea

Division 3

The Prize Pool is \$12,343.20
74 winners of \$166.80 ea.

Division 4

The Prize Pool is \$30,798.10
2,351 winners of \$13.10 ea.

Division 5

The Prize Pool is \$24,697.45
2,729 winners of \$9.05 ea.

MATCH RESULTS

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	CHARLTON	MAN. UTD.	1	2-0
	LIVERPOOL	COVENTRY	2	0-1
	LUTON	DERBY	3	1-0
	MAN. CITY	CRYSTAL P.	4	3-0
	NOTT'M FOR.	SHEFF. WED.	5	0-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	SOUTHAMPTON	TOTTENHAM	6	1-1
	WIMBLEDON	Q.P.R.	7	0-0
	BARNLEY	PORTSMOUTH	8	0-1
	BRIGHTON	BLACKBURN	9	1-2
	HULL	WATFORD	10	0-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	IPSWICH	WEST BROM.	11	3-1
	LEEDS	BOURNEM'TH	12	3-0
	NEWCASTLE	MIDDLESBRO	13	2-2
	OLDHAM	SUNDERLAND	14	2-1
	PLYMOUTH	BRADFORD C.	15	1-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	PORT VALE	OXFORD UTD.	16	1-2
	SHEFF. UTD.	LEICESTER	17	1-1
	SWINDON	STOKE	18	6-0
	WOLVES	WEST HAM	19	1-0
	BOLTON	SWANSEA	20	0-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	BRENTFORD	TRANMERE	21	2-4
	BRISTOL R.	BLACKPOOL	22	1-1
	CHESTER	HUDDERSFIELD	23	2-1
	MANSFIELD	NOTTS C.	24	1-3
	NORTHAMPTON	ROTHERHAM	25	1-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 6	PRESTON	SHREWSBURY	26	2-1
	READING	BIRMINGHAM	27	0-2
	WALSALL	BRISTOL C.	28	0-2
	BURNLEY	COLCHESTER	29	0-0
	CAMBRIDGE U.	ALDERSHOT	30	2-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 7	CARLISLE	MAIDSTONE	31	3-2
	DONCASTER	SCUNTHORPE	32	1-2
	EXETER	LINCOLN	33	3-0
	GILLINGHAM	SCARBORO	34	2-0
	GRIMSBY	CHESTERFIELD	35	0-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 8	HARTLEPOOL	WREXHAM	36	3-0
	HEREFORD	ROCHDALE	37	1-3
	SOUTHEND	PETERBORO	38	0-0

★ Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND HOTLINES

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Results are available from 8pm. Sundays, dividends after 5pm Mondays.

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 224 SAT 11 NOVEMBER 1989

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	COVENTRY	SOUTHAMPTON	1
	CRYSTAL P.	LUTON	2
	DERBY	MAN. CITY	3
	MILLWALL	ARSENAL	4
	NORWICH	ASTON VILLA	5
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	SHEFF. WED.	CHARLTON	6
	TOTTENHAM	WIMBLEDON	7
	BLACKBURN	IPSWICH	8
	BOURNEM'TH	SHEFFIELD UTD.	9
	BRADFORD C.	HULL	10
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	LEICESTER	LEEDS	11
	MIDDLESBRO	SWINDON	12
	OXFORD UTD.	OLDHAM	13
	PORTSMOUTH	PORT VALE	14
	STOKE	BRIGHTON	15
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	SUNDERLAND	WOLVES	16
	WATFORD	PLYMOUTH	17
	WEST BROM.	BARNLEY	18
	WEST HAM	NEWCASTLE	19
	BIRMINGHAM	LEYTON O.	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	BLACKPOOL	BRENTFORD	21
	BRISTOL C.	BOLTON	22
	BURY	READING	23
	FULHAM	CARDIFF	24
	HUDDERSFIELD	NORTHAMPTON	25
ENGLISH DIVISION 6	NOTTS C.	WIGAN A.	26
	ROTHERHAM	CHESTER	27
	SHREWSBURY	BRISTOL R.	28
	SWANSEA	PRESTON	29
	ALDERSHOT	HARTLEPOOL	30
ENGLISH DIVISION 7	CHESTERFIELD	STOCKPORT	31
	LINCOLN	GILLINGHAM	32
	MAIDSTONE	YORK	33
	PETERBORO	HEREFORD	34
	ROCHDALE	DONCASTER	35
ENGLISH DIVISION 8	SCARBORO	EXETER	36
	TORQUAY	CARLISLE	37
	WREXHAM	GRIMSBY	38

RESERVE MATCHES

BEAZER H. PREMIER	CHELMSFORD	CRAWLEY	39
	CORBY	ASHFORD	40
	DORCHESTER	ALVECHURCH	41
	DOVER	DARTFORD	42
	ABERDEEN	RANGERS	43
SCOTTISH PREMIER	CELTIC	ST. MIRREN	44
	DUNDEE U.	HIBERNIAN	45
	HEARTS	DUNDEE	46
	MOTHERWELL	DUNFERMLINE	47
	AIRDRIE	RAITH	48
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	ALBION R.	S. JOHNSTONE	49
	ALLOA	CLYDE	50
	AYR	FALKIRK	51
	CLYDEBANK	FORFAR	52
	MEADOWBANK	MORTON	53
SCOTTISH DIVISION 2	PARTICK	HAMILTON	54
	ARBROATH	BRECHIN	55

★ SCOTTISH DIVISION 2

Get your Pools in!

It takes only six numbers to win.

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 4/11/1989 — WEEK 223

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED									
1	23	2	26	3	34	4	13	5	27	6	42	7	32	8	39	9	1	2	16
10	42	11	50	12	44	13	43	14	42	15	46	16	39	17	11	1	7	5	—
18	40	19	33	20	48	21	42	22	46	23	46	24	43	25	—	1	15	3	2
26	44	27	58	28	48	29	48	30	65	31	44	32	49	33	26	2	28	29	30
34	48	35	51	36	59	37	47	38	48	39	—	40	—	41	34	2	3	36	1

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

ENGLISH Div 1: Arsenal 4
Norwich 3, Charlton 2 Manchester United 0, Chelsea 4 Millwall 0, Liverpool 0 Coventry 1, Luton 1 Derby 0, Manchester City 3 Crystal Palace 0, Nottingham Forest 0 Sheffield Wednesday 1, Southampton 1 Tottenham 1, Wimbledon 0 Queens Park Rangers 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	12	6	4	2	19	10	22
Liverpool	11	6	3	2	23	9	21
Arsenal	12	6	3	3	21	14	21
Everton	11	6	2	3	18	13	20
Southampton	12	5	4	3	23	19	19
Norwich	12	4	6	2	19	16	18
Aston Villa	11	5	3	3	13	10	18
Tottenham	12	5	3	4	19	18	18
Coventry	12	5	2	5	10	15	17
Notts Fst	12	4	4	4	16	13	16
Luton	12	4	4	4	12	10	16
Millwall	12	4	3	5	19	23	15
Man Utd	11	4	2	5	19	19	14
Man City	12	4	2	6	17	18	14
Cryst Pal	12	4	2	6	13	26	14
Charlton	12	3	4	5	11	12	13
Derby	12	3	3	6	9	12	12
Wimbledon	12	2	6	4	10	14	12
QPR	12	2	5	5	11	14	11
Sheff Wed	12	2	3	7	3	20	9

Div 2: Barnsley 0 Portsmouth 1, Brighton 1 Blackburn 2, Hull 0 Watford 0, Ipswich 3 West Bromwich 1, Leeds 3 Bournemouth 0, Newcastle 2, Middlesbrough 2, Oldham 2 Sunderland 1, Plymouth 1 Bradford 1, Port Vale 1 Oxford 2, Sheffield United 1, Leicester 1, Swindon 6 Stoke 0, Wolverhampton 1 West Ham 0.

DIVISION TWO

Sheff Utd	16	10	5	1	30	17	35
Leeds	16	10	5	1	27	14	35
Newcastle	16	9	4	3	33	19	31
Sunderland	16	8	4	4	27	23	28
West Ham	16	7	5	4	25	18	26
Oldham	16	7	5	4	22	18	26
Swindon	16	7	4	4	28	18	25
Ipswich	16	7	4	5	26	23	25
Blackburn	16	5	9	1	25	16	24
Plymouth	16	7	3	6	25	21	24
Wolves	16	6	5	5	24	20	23
Brighton	16	7	1	8	24	23	22
Oxford	16	5	4	7	24	27	19
Bournemouth	15	5	4	6	23	26	19
Port Vale	16	3	8	5	17	19	17
WBA	16	4	5	7	22	29	17
Watford	16	4	5	7	14	21	17
Bradford	16	3	7	6	15	18	16
Barnsley	16	4	4	8	19	31	16
Middlesbrough	15	3	6	6	19	24	15
Portsmouth	16	3	5	8	16	26	14
Leicester	16	2	6	8	15	25	12
Stoke	16	1	8	7	13	29	11
Hull	16	0	10	6	14	22	10

Div 3: Bolton 0 Swansea 0, Brentford 2 Tranmere 4, Bristol Rovers 1 Blackpool 1, Chester 2 Huddersfield 1, Mansfield 1 Notts County 3, Northampton 1 Rotherham 2, Preston 2 Shrewsbury 1, Reading 0 Birmingham 2, Walsall 0 Bristol City 2, Wigan 1 Crewe 0, Cardiff 3 Bury 1.

DIVISION THREE

Brist City	15	9	2	4	20	14	29
Brist Rov	15	7	7	1	19	9	28
Bolton	15	7	6	2	21	13	27
Bury	15	7	6	2	24	17	27
Tranmere	15	8	2	5	31	15	26
Rotherham	15	7	5	3	29	15	26
Notts City	15	7	5	3	21	15	26
Shrewsbury	15	7	4	4	23	15	25
Huddersfield	15	6	6	3	20	18	24
Birmingham	15	7	2	6	20	18	23
Swansea	15	6	3	6	15	23	21
Reading	15	4	7	4	18	18	19
Fulham	14	4	6	4	15	15	18
Preston	15	5	3	7	26	29	18
Mansfield	15	5	3	7	14	18	18
Chester	15	4	5	6	19	24	17
Northampton	15	4	4	7	18	23	16
Blackpool	15	4	4	7	14	19	16
Ley Orient	14	5	1	8	19	25	16
Walsall	15	4	4	7	13	21	16
Wigan	15	3	5	7	14	22	14

Crewe 15 2 6 7 16 22 12
Cardiff 15 2 6 7 15 27 12
Brentford 15 3 2 10 17 26 11
Div 4: Burnley 0 Colchester 0, Cambridge 2 Aldershot 2, Carlisle 3 Maidstone 2, Doncaster 1 Scunthorpe 2, Exeter 3 Lincoln 0, Gillingham 2 Scarborough 0, Grimsby 0 Chesterfield 1, Hartlepool 3 Wrexham 0, Hereford 1 Rochdale 3, Southend 0 Peterborough 0, York 1 Torquay 1, Stockport 0 Halifax 1.

DIVISION FOUR

Southend	15	9	3	3	25	13	30
Stockport	15	8	4	3	23	12	28
Exeter	15	9	1	5	28	19	28
Peterboro	15	7	6	2	21	13	27
York	15	7	6	2	20	14	27
Carlisle	15	7	5	3	21	15	26
Lincoln	15	7	5	3	15	12	26
Burnley	15	6	6	3	16	12	24
Chesterfield	15	7	3	5	22	21	24
Scunthorpe	15	7	2	6	27	22	23
Cambridge	15	6	4	5	27	24	22
Gillingham	14	6	4	4	15	13	22
Aldershot	15	5	6	4	20	20	21
Hereford	15	5	5	5	21	22	20
Rochdale	15	6	2	7	14	16	20
Hullfax	15	4	6	6	23	20	19
Grimsby	15	5	4	5	6	19	18
Maldstone	15	5	2	8	19	22	17
Torquay	14	4	3	7	15	25	15
Scarboro	15	4	2	9	18	26	14
Wrexham	15	3	4	8	17	23	13
Doncaster	15	2	3	10	15	21	9
Colchester	15	1	6	8	13	28	9
Hartlepool	15	2	3	10	14	37	9

Melbourne clubs must tap country goldmine

Bendigo . . . Western Border . . . Latrobe Valley . . . Ballarat

BY GREG BLAKE

North Eastern . . . Sunrasia, Western, Albury Wodonga

AUSTRALIA's NSL clubs are sitting on a potential goldmine of untapped talent.

In these days of financial hardship NSL clubs should be on the lookout for any and every avenue of fostering local talent.

And in general they do make an effort to scout for talent in the metropolitan area.

But on a recent visit to the central Victorian city of Shepparton I happened across a local game and it occurred to me that there is one huge area hardly touched by the NSL clubs — at least in Victoria.

In country Victoria, soccer is booming, yet it is almost completely overlooked by the biggest competition in the country.

That seems absurd, considering the money wasted on importing overseas has-beens and never-likely to bes.

A whole generation of young talent is going to waste in country Victoria and the NSL powers that be are letting it go without even a look.

Victoria's eight major country leagues are the Bendigo League, Western Border, Latrobe Valley, Ballarat and District, North Eastern, Sunrasia, Western Victoria and Albury-Wodonga.

Those leagues boast a total of well over 2,000 aspiring young stars.

None of the youngsters stand a chance of ever playing in the biggest competition in the country. That isn't even counting the in excess of 3,000 adult males who play every weekend.

We are ignoring our own backyard.

The Victorian Soccer Federation makes an effort to foster the game in regional centres with director of coaching Tim White and Soccer-oo Jeff Olver doing as best they can to cater for requests for soccer clinics.

But the already overstretched resources of the VSF can hardly do the code justice in out-

lying centres involved in a head-to-head battle with Aussie Rules.

The Bendigo Amateur Soccer League has one of the biggest memberships of the country centres and its president Alan Lassey says the competition is crying out for some help.

"In short, the NSL clubs do nothing," says Lassey.



Altona Gate's Tom Markovski (right) duels with South Melbourne defender Steve Blair in last Sunday week's Dockerty Cup final — JOHN ERMIDIS photo.

"And the VSF doesn't do much more. We have a number of concerns about that and we'll be approaching the VSF's new committee after it is elected in November.

"I know that other country leagues will be doing the same."

But the VSF junior development programme is another problem altogether.

At least the VSF pays lip-service to its country areas, unlike the insular NSL clubs who still maintain that the mountain must come to Muhammed.

Australia's most successful sporting body, the Victorian Football League, knows the value of fostering country talent.

Until recently, when

the VFL decided to forge ahead with the national drafting concept, each VFL club was given a country zone from which it selected its players from.

The VSL club would encourage the local league financially and with regular visits by its stars and coaches, encouraging the budding champions, helping the locals form an allegiance with that particular club and picking the

years, it would also encourage support for that club in that area.

It would start to align what are basically 'ethnic'-supported clubs with a much wider support base.

That, surely, would build the stature of the NSL in the country areas as local media interest would be aroused with 'local boy makes good' stories.

"There is certainly some talent here (in the country)," says Lassey.

"The problem is getting junior talent here recognised in the Victorian soccer set-up. The VSF offers every encouragement for juniors to travel to Melbourne to join in clinics but for them to come down on, say, a Wednesday night is impossible.

"Even for them to come down on a weekend is difficult, especially as this might mean that to attend a clinic a child might have to miss his weekend game at his local club."

Lassey doesn't hide his disappointment with the NSL clubs which, according to him, "do exactly nothing" for the game outside of Melbourne.

"It's very disappointing — we'd love to see a South Melbourne or Heidelberg get involved up here," he explained.

"I understand it would be difficult for them but even if the clubs are only interested in what they can gain from it they must see that there is some talent here.

"We have 400 adults and 1000 juniors and I cannot believe that with the right training that none of them would be good enough.

best of the recruits for pre-season training.

Despite the new drafting system, which has taken away some of the local parochialism to particular league clubs, the VFL rates its country development as a high priority for the future of the game.

VFL executive administrator and Victorian Country Football League secretary Mark Patterson says the VFL oversees football development throughout the state from players from primary school level through to under 19 competition.

"Despite the drafting system it is seen as very important that we look after the country areas," he told ASW.

"We have a whole series of programmes for each level of players which include 'Vic-Kick' for the juniors and we follow it right through.

"VFL clubs are committed to provide players for regular clinics and the VFL employs 10 full-time development officers to co-ordinate the programme.

"We work very closely with the VFL."

Any NSL club with some initiative would have free reign to select any Victorian country area and adopt it as their own as the situation stands at the moment.

An NSL club working in tandem with the local competitions of that area would not only get their pick of the promising recruits but, given the ABC's Australia-wide coverage of the game for the next five



South Melbourne star Paul Trimboli heads for goal in Hellas' 1-0 Dockerty Cup final win over Altona Gate — Photo JOHN ERMIDIS.

"At the moment we don't have the coaching available so that already puts us behind."

Lassey believes even an exhibition game once or twice a season in country areas would create enormous interest.

Without an 'ethnic' bias towards particular clubs in his area Lassey is convinced that any NSL club would be an instant drawcard for the Bendigo soccer community.

The idea of NSL clubs adopting Victorian country areas would be,

according to Lassey, a tremendous success.

"That would be one hell of a good move," he says.

"If they could put in some sort of an effort with us it would be a tremendous boost to the game here.

"It would give the local people an interest in the NSL and give our players something to aim for."

There can be little doubt that the flow-on effects could only be productive to the code.

To many country people the NSL is a far-off ethnic-based competition with little relevance to their on-field exploits for the local regional outfit.

But with the right coaching and encouragement from the best players we have in the NSL the game would receive a shot in the arm on a truly Australia-wide basis.

Even players from country areas who don't make the grade would help in developing the code in country areas.

Imagine a young player "doing" a pre-season under a Puskas, Thomson or Arok before returning to his local competition.

It would boost both the standard and the image of the game in the regional areas to a new high.

That could only benefit the code in the long run.

"As it is, once a country youngster gets past the stage of junior local representative competition he has virtually nothing to go on with," Lassey explained.

"We have probably 5,000 to 7,000 players in



Kim Taliadoros in action for Hellas in the 1989 Dockerty Cup final — JOHN ERMIDIS pic.

with an NSL fixture at Shepparton a couple of years back, NSL clubs have neglected a potentially huge recruiting area.

Vasilopoulos admits that it must be difficult for youngsters to come down from the country but says the clubs cannot have "every junior in the state" training at

"But they made the approach to us after they found out Puskas would be coaching here.

"Usually we rely on scouts looking for any promising players but this doesn't extend to country areas usually.

"If any juniors want to trial with us they are welcome and we are more than happy to look after them."

Vasilopoulos says South Melbourne would be happy to "go up and have a game" in the country and try to get the country people involved.

"We would be happy to hear from anyone interested in us visiting or anyone with ideas, but who makes the first approach?" he asked.

Bobby McLachlan and his merry Morwell Falcons, as well as the thriving Latrobe Valley League, have proved what can be achieved in the country areas.

And they've done it with NO help from anyone else but themselves.

With an NSL club's assistance, there is nothing to say the regional areas couldn't become potential goldmines in the years to come.

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NEXT week ASW will feature Alex Vesic's pictorial on the club's Presentation Night.



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HAS HIS SAY

Seven more World Cup finalists next week



The USSR team — one point away from a 1990 World Cup spot.

WEDNESDAY
November 15, the night Europe will decide its remaining eight finalists for Italia '90, is one for football fans' diaries.

SBS Television will bring the Scotland v Norway decider live from Hampden Park, Glasgow as well as today's Turkey v USSR.

The current position in the seven European groups is:

Group 1

	P	F	A	Pts
Denmark	5	14	3	8
Romania	5	7	4	7
Bulgaria	5	5	7	3
Greece	5	2	14	2

November 15: Greece v Bulgaria, Romania v Denmark.

The winner of Romania v Denmark will qualify.

A draw will see Denmark through and Romania out unless West Germany lose at home to Wales or Holland lose to Finland, also at home.

Group 2

	P	F	A	Pts
Sweden	6	9	3	10
England	6	10	0	9
Poland	5	2	7	3
Albania	5	2	13	0

Sweden and England are through, England finishing second in its group despite not conceding a goal. Albania v Poland only has academic interest now.

Group 3

	P	F	A	Pts
USSR	7	9	4	9
Turkey	7	12	8	7
East Germany	7	9	10	7
Austria	7	6	9	7
Iceland	8	6	11	6

Remaining games are both on November 15

— USSR v Turkey and Austria v East Germany. The USSR v Turkey game was brought back a week.

The Soviet Union's loss to East Germany and Turkey's 3-0 hammering of Austria in their last matches has really thrown this group up for grabs.

The Soviet Union should at least get a point at home to Turkey to put them through to be joined by the winner of Austria v East Germany.

Should the Austria-East Germany match be one of shared points and Turkey get a point in the Soviet Union, it Turkey will go through on goal-difference with the Soviet Union.

Group 4

	P	F	A	Pts
Holland	5	5	2	8
West Germany	5	11	2	7
Finland	5	4	13	3
Wales	5	3	6	2

November 15: West Germany v Wales, Holland v Finland.

It will take a major upset, ie Finland beating the Dutch in Holland for van Basten and Co. to miss Italia '90.

West Germany have a bigger headache: they must beat Wales to qualify.

Should they lose to Wales and Romania and Denmark draw in Group 1, it will be Romania, not West Germany going through as one of the best second-placed teams in Groups 1, 2 and 4.

Group 5

	P	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	8	16	6	14
Scotland	7	11	11	9

France	7	8	7	7
Norway	7	9	8	5
Cyprus	7	6	18	1

Remaining games:
November 15 — Scotland v Norway,
November 18 — France v Cyprus.

The Scotland v Norway match will be telecast live by SBS TV.

The Scots need a point, which they should get at home. Should they falter and France win, it will be the French joining Yugoslavia in the World Cup finals, but that is an unlikely scenario.

Group 6

	P	F	A	Pts
Spain	7	16	3	11
Rep Ireland	7	8	2	10
Hungary	7	8	8	8
Nth Ireland	8	6	12	5
Malta	7	3	16	2

Remaining games:
November 15 — Spain v Hungary, Malta v Rep of Ireland.

Spain are through and it will take a miracle for the Republic of Ireland to miss out... such as losing by three goals away to Malta and Hungary beating Spain by a similar margin in Madrid.

Group 7

	P	F	A	Pts
Belgium	8	15	5	12
Czechoslovakia	7	13	3	11
Portugal	7	11	8	9
Switzerland	7	8	13	3
Luxembourg	7	2	20	1

Remaining games:
November 15 — Switzerland v Luxembourg, November 16 — Portugal v Czechoslovakia.

Belgium have qualified, only a loss by four clear goals in Lisbon will see the Czechs replaced by Portugal.

Another triumph it seems for former Soccerroo coach Joe Venglos, who folded wire at the Sydney PMG during his days coaching in Australia when the educational authorities would not recognise his doctorate of sport from Czechoslovakia!

It is the second time Venglos will have taken the Czechs to the World finals as well as winning the European Championship in 1976.

Australia's ignorance has been the Czechs' gain, and success could not go to a nicer fella than Joe Venglos.

Rasic also a patriot

Gremlins got to my column in the October 25 issue of ASW.

Rale Rasic was omitted in the list of coaches who were Australian by choice I had played under.

Rale, the man who steered the Soccerroos to their one and only World Cup finals appearance, was — and remains — a fiercely patriotic Aussie.

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Coaches' picks

I put three questions to some of our leading coaches last week... name the top five, in order; which player would you buy if you had the money and the player was available and which young player do you see emerging to fully blown star status in 1989/1990.

Opinions were not to include their own clubs or players.

Zoran Matic (Adelaide City)

MARCONI
SYDNEY OLYMPIC
SOUTH MELBOURNE
MELBOURNE CROATIA
ST GEORGE

★ Player I would buy — Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia)

★ Emerging star — George Jolevski (Preston)

Ron Corry (Sydney Croatia)

MARCONI
SOUTH MELBOURNE
MELBOURNE CROATIA
ADELAIDE CITY
MELBOURNE CROATIA
SYDNEY OLYMPIC

★ Player to buy — Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne)

★ Emerging star — George Jolevski (Preston)

Frank Arok (St George)

MARCONI
SYDNEY OLYMPIC
MELBOURNE CROATIA
SOUTH MELBOURNE
SYDNEY CROATIA

★ Player to buy — Oscar Crino (Melbourne JUST)

★ Emerging star — Kim Taliadoros (South Melbourne)

Manfred Schaefer (Apia)

MARCONI
MELBOURNE CROATIA
ADELAIDE CITY
SYDNEY CROATIA
SYDNEY OLYMPIC

★ Player to buy — Zeljko Adzic (Melbourne Croatia)

★ Emerging star — Tony Krslovic (St George)

Les Scheinflug (Blacktown)

MARCONI
SYDNEY OLYMPIC
MELBOURNE CROATIA
ADELAIDE CITY
SOUTH MELBOURNE

★ Player to buy — Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne)

★ Emerging star — Tony Krslovic (St George)

Eddie Thomson (Sydney Olympic)

MARCONI
MELBOURNE CROATIA
SOUTH MELBOURNE
ADELAIDE CITY
SYDNEY CROATIA

★ Player to buy — Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne) or Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia)

★ Emerging star — Mathew Bingley (St George)

STARS OUTED

CZECHOSLOVAK striker Stanislav Griga was suspended for three matches and Portuguese forward Paulo Futre for two following incidents in World Cup matches a fortnight ago.

Griga was sent off for a foul on Portuguese goalkeeper Silvinho in the European Group 7 tie in Prague which Czechoslovakia won 2-1 and which was shown on SBS' World Soccer programme last Saturday week.

The Czechoslovaks had two group matches to play and if they qualify for the finals in Italy next year Griga will remain suspended for their first match of the tournament.



PAULO FUTRE

Futre was punished for making an obscene gesture after the final whistle to West German referee Aaron Schmidhuber, who had earlier booked him for misconduct and he will miss Portugal's last World Cup match — against the Czechs.

SWEDISH CUTBACK

THE Swedish Federation has proposed reducing the size of its First Division from 12 to 10 clubs, starting in 1991.

Officials believe — and experts agree — that Sweden cannot afford that many First Division teams as only four clubs, at best — Malmo, Goteborg, Norrkoping and Orgryte — are competitive internationally.

The motion will be put to a vote at next month's Swedish Federation annual general meeting and is expected to be carried almost unanimously.

Great gesture

THE following telegram was sent to the Canberra City Club after the club's generous gesture in donating money to the Northern Territory team after their hotel rooms were robbed.

**MR NICK NOTARAS
MANAGER
THE CITY CLUB, BAILEY'S CORNER
EAST ROW VIA CANBERRA CITY ACT**

As Minister responsible for sport in the ACT, I was touched by your generosity in reimbursing the money stolen from the Northern Territory women's soccer team visiting Canberra.

Canberra is sometimes rumoured as a city without a soul. However, with citizens with civic pride setting such fine examples such as your support to these visitors to our city, it makes me feel proud to be a Canberran.

**Paul Whalan, MLA
Minister for Industry,
Employment & Education
ACT Legislative Assembly**



Australian international 'keeper Bruce Thurlow saves a goal for the West Sydney Swans against the White Eagles — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

MEDIA INDOOR

Cappe Cup



THE battle at the top of the table intensified as the FLP (2) team and Cyprus News continued their winning ways when they defeated AAP (1) and SBS XI respectively.

Both had to struggle against the bottom placed sides when they were expected to win rather easily.

The FLP team was down 1-0 in the early minutes when a lack of defending costed them the goal.

But it didn't take them long to get back in the lead when the Stratikopoulos brothers scored three goals in as many minutes.

The AAP team wasn't going to let the league leaders slip away and quickly came back courtesy of Jon Ball, but in a nail-biting finish, FLP won 6-4.

Cyprus News on the other hand had gone to a 3-0 lead against SBS in two minutes with goals to Michael Kondos (2) and Andrew Pantziaros

but it didn't take long for the World Cup network to hit back with Tim Jardine scoring the best goal of the tournament according to observers.

In another tight battle to the final whistle, Cyprus News held on to emerge 7-6 victors.

In other matches, FLP (1) team defeated SBS in the earlier match 9-1 thanks to a 30-second opener by Christian Gonzalez.

Gonzalez finished with five goals for the night, and ASW's Joe Di Meglio collected four in a totally one-sided affair.

Tomorrow (Thursday) sees the continuation of the Peter Katholos Sports Store Cappe Cup as it enters the fifth round.

MEDIA INDOOR CAPPE CUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Foreign Publications (2)	4	4	0	0	36	16	12
Cyprus News	5	4	0	1	36	28	12
AAP (2)	4	3	0	1	30	23	9
Foreign Publications (1)	4	2	0	2	15	8	6
SBS XI	5	0	0	5	17	38	0
AAP (1)	4	0	0	4	12	33	0

Results

ROUND 4: FLP (1) 9 (Christian Gonzalez 5, Joe Di Meglio 4), def SBS XI 1 (Tim Jardine), FLP (2) 6 (Peter Stratikopoulos 3, George Stratikopoulos 2, Alex Kaltsas), def AAP (2) 4 (Jon Ball 2, Mike Driscoll, Buddy Kapkin), Cyprus News 7 (Andrew Pantziaros 2, Michael Kondos 2, Tas Fiakos 2, Michael Gevrieli), def SBS XI 6 (Tim Jardine 2, Ciro Di Iorio 2, Eddie Luz 2, Frank Farac).

Top Scorers

Peter Stratikopoulos (FLP 2) 18, George Stratikopoulos (FLP 2) 16, Joe Di Meglio (FLP 1), Tas Fiakos (Cyprus News) 11, George Koletti (Cyprus News) 9, Michael Link (AAP 2), Tony Anic (AAP 2) 8, Buddy Kapkin (AAP 2) 7, Andrew Pantziaros (Cyprus News) 6.

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9

FLP (1) v AAP (2)
6.15pm Fort St High School
AAP (1) v SBS XI
7pm Fort St High School
AAP (2) v Cyprus News
7.45pm Fort St High School
FLP (1) v FLP (2)
8.30pm Fort St High School

QUEENSLAND

Monarchs favourites for State League

QUEENSLAND State League Indoor Soccer (futsal) kicked off last Saturday week.

The league in its second year will play host to eight all-age men's teams from Rockhampton, Bayside (Bris), Logan City (Bris), Ipswich (Bris), Mitchelton (Bris), Toombul (Bris), Sunnybank (Bris) and Mackay.

This year will see a host of Brisbane XXXX players coming to Mackay to play this past growing, skilful sport.

Mackay is not short of talented players. Darrin Muscat and Rodney Mifsud will be travelling to South America with the Australian indoor youth team later this year as will Michael Bentley, who is representing Australia in the under 17s, also in South America, and Jason Raikaki, who toured Canada with the national aboriginal team against the North American Indians in 1987.

Willie Carter, Chris Willett, Russell Turner and keepers Tony

Hewson and Peter MCCrohan have all represented Mackay and North Queensland at national titles.

The Mackay Ambassador Hotel Monarchs coach Brian Keightley said: "The talent in Mackay is equal to its southern counterparts. The team is very keen and dedicated to the Mackay Monarchs and they are keen to learn."

"They are a great bunch of lads and Mackay should be proud of them."

Not one of the players is over 21 years of age, so they have time and youth on their side.

The Monarchs have now hit the busy season. The State League will run for four months and the team have also been entered in the Queensland state titles which will be held in Brisbane over the weekend of November 4 and 5.

They will also contest the third Mackay open Rovers Cup as well as the Australian national club championships which will be held at the In-

stitute of Sport Canberra in late January and the Australian indoor national titles at Easter.

The Mackay Futsal Association has picked up two very large sponsors for the Monarchs team as well as on the local scene.

The Ambassador Hotel sponsorship at this stage will be for 12 months but all parties are hoping the marriage will be over a lot longer period.

All the Mackay Monarchs home games will be played at the Association headquarters, "Soccer World" 6 O'Loughlin St, North Mackay. The Mackay Ambassador Hotel Monarchs home fixtures are:

Sat 18th Nov Mackay v Bayside, Mackay v Sunnybank.

Sat 2nd Dec Mackay v Toombul, Mackay v Mitchelton.

Sat 13th Jan Mackay v Ipswich, Mackay v Logan.

The squad is: Tony Hewson goalkeeper, Rodney Mifsud, Chris Willett, Jason Raikaki, Willie Carter, Darrin Muscat, Russell Turner, Alan Jarvis.



New Indooroo cap Mirko Radosavljevic, formerly of Apia, towers above the opposition at Fairfield — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

PEDRO RICOY ENGAGED

Congratulations to Sydney Croatia's brilliant young midfielder Pedro Ricoy on his recent engagement to Anne Bertuzzi.

The engagement party took place at Le Sands Restaurant at beachfront Brighton-Le-Sands in Sydney. The wedding is planned for the Crystal Ballroom at Top Ryde on August 18, 1990.



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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY



Radovan Filipovic gets a shot in despite a challenge by four white-shirted Swans players — Photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

Indoorroos youth team off to South America

PREPARATIONS for the Australian national futsal youth team tour of Argentina and Uruguay are well under way.

The squad of 11 players will leave Australia on November 24 and return on December 8 in time for the finals of the James Hardie National Indoor League.

The tour includes test matches in both countries as well as representative games which will be most beneficial to these up and coming futsal stars.

Full credit must go to the Australian Futsal Federation for sending teams to countries that have been playing the game a lot longer than Australia.

As the great George Best said on his last visit to Australia: "If teams want to improve they must take on stronger opposition and play the game in their backyard".

This has been the Federation's policy for the last 5 years and certainly this has a great bearing on Australia's seventh position in the world rankings.

The youth squad of 11 players is made up of players from the country and as far away as far North Queensland, as well as players from the major cities.

Brian Keightley, the coach from Mackay, North Queensland, has been involved with the sport for the past five years and in 1986 he took the successful under 19s team to Canada where the team was undefeated.

He holds the position of vice president of the Queensland Association and is chairman of North Queensland.

The assistant coach is Robert Vareza from Melbourne, and has been involved in the game for five years as well as a National League referee.

Robert has coached various Victorian teams.

One of the goalkeepers for the tour is Dean Bennell (Sydney). He has been playing futsal for five years and is presently the first choice keeper for the AMIGA Commodores.

The other is Simon Mannaring (Cootamundra NSW) who has been playing futsal for two

years. Simon is still only 17 years old and last year toured with the under 17 team.

The court players are as follows: Benny Wills (Sydney) — has been playing FUTSAL for two years. Has played for NSW at state and national titles level.

Franic Chung (Sydney) — has been playing futsal for two years. His club side is Beynous and he has represented his state at national titles.

Glen Valanidas has been playing the game for five years. Has represented NSW at under 16 and under 17 level. Toured New Zealand with the under 18s and is now playing National League with AMIGA Commodores.

Bradley David Glascock (Sydney) — Has been playing the game for two years. Represented NSW at state and national level in under 19s.

John Fraser has only been playing futsal for 12 months but has already represented his State in league games.

David Stuart (Sydney) — has been playing FUTSAL for three years for Beynous. Has represented NSW at under 19 level.

Luis Alarcon (ACT) — has been playing the sport for five years. Represented the ACT in 88/89. Was selected in the Australian schoolboys' squad.

Rodney Mifsud (Mackay NQ) — has been playing four years. Has represented North Queensland and Mackay at national titles and club championships.

Is currently captain of the Mackay Ambassador Hotel Monarchs who play in the Queensland State League.

Darrin Muscat (Mackay NQ) has been playing for five years. Was a member of the Mackay Monarchs National League team for the league's first two years and was then only 15 years old. Has represented North Queensland at state and national titles.

The team will be holding a four-day camp before they depart.



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THE BUFFALO SPORTS
WOMENS NATIONAL
INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE



JHNISL POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Sydney Swans.....	16	12	3	1	113	42	42
White Eagles.....	17	13	1	3	184	85	41
Melbourne Buffalos.....	16	10	3	3	114	73	36
B'town NIB Tornadoes.....	16	9	2	5	89	70	31
Valley Ford Falcons.....	16	6	1	9	132	129	20
AMIGA Commodores.....	17	4	2	11	75	114	16
Inter Monaro.....	12	5	0	7	74	113	15
Brisbane Baysiders.....	12	4	0	8	55	108	12
Illawarra Helath Fund.....	13	3	0	10	78	125	9
Sydney Strikers.....	13	1	2	10	59	111	7

Results

White Eagles 5 Bankstown NIB Tornadoes 2, Sydney Strikers 3 Melbourne Buffalos 9, Illawarra Health Fund 4 AMIGA Commodores 9, Inter Monaro 2 West Sydney Swans 13, Illawarra Health Fund 15 White Eagles 7, Brisbane Baysiders 1 Valley Ford Falcons 15.

Top Scorers

Milan Blagojevic (White Eagles) 54, Radovan Filipovic (White Eagles) 52, John Metaxas (Melbourne Buffalos) 36, Erkin Osman (West Sydney Swans) 33, Fortunato Carvalho (Melbourne Buffalos) 32, Eric Sostak (Valley Ford Falcons) 29, Miodrag Radovic (White Eagles) 28, Anthony Cassar (Valley Ford Falcons) 26, Rodney White (Valley Ford Falcons), Scott Gilligan (AMIGA Commodores) 22, Joe Coelho (Illawarra Health Fund) 21, Baz Giampaolo (Inter Monaro) 20.

BSWNISL POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
B'town NIB Tornadoes.....	9	8	1	0	88	25	26
Sydney Strikers.....	9	7	0	2	53	24	21
Melbourne Buffalos.....	8	3	1	4	38	34	11
T'makers Prime Movers.....	8	2	0	6	27	55	6
West Sydney Swans.....	9	2	0	7	34	63	6
Brisbane Baysiders.....	5	1	0	4	19	48	3

Results

Tubemakers Prime Movers 7 West Sydney Swans 3.

Top Scorers

Kim Lambryk (NIB Tornadoes) 36, Cindy Heydon (NIB Tornadoes) 21, Nicole Komorowski (Sydney Strikers) 18, Julie Dolan (NIB Tornadoes), Julie Hebb (Sydney Strikers) 14, Teresa McCann (NIB Tornadoes) 13, Carol Church (Melbourne Buffalos) 11, Zafaria Memperis (Tubemakers) 10, Wendy Kinmont, Janine McPhee (Melbourne Buffalos), Debbie Hyde (Sydney Strikers), Rebecca Scot (Swans) 8.

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

JHNISL

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

Sydney Strikers v Inter Monaro
Coca Cola Hall Mt Druitt TBA
Brisbane Baysiders v White Eagles
Chandler Stadium TBA

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

Sydney Strikers v AMIGA Commodores
Coca Cola Hall Mt Druitt TBA
Bankstown NIB Tornadoes v Inter Monaro
TBA
Brisbane Baysiders v Illawarra Health Fund
Chandler Stadium TBA

BSWNISL

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

Brisbane Baysiders v Tubemakers Prime Movers
Chandler Stadium TBA



John White of the NIB Tornadoes gets away from the West Sydney Swans' Steve Duval — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

Lowly Illawarra in upset 15-7 win

BOTTOM of the table Illawarra provided the upset of the season when they downed the high-flying Sydney White Eagles 15-7 at Beaton Stadium Wollongong on Sunday.

Illawarra, with only two previous wins in the national league, move off the bottom of the table with their surprise win and the White Eagles although 5-2 winners over triple champions Bankstown Tornadoes on Saturday evening remain in second spot.

Eleven of Illawarra's five goals came from attacking duo Cane Despotovski (6) and Lupco Tolevski (5).

West Sydney Swans continue to set the pace at the top of the ladder thanks to the White Eagles upset loss and their own 13-2 thrashing of Inter Monaro in Canberra with Australian internationals Erkin Osman and Robbie Noggler get-

ting three goals apiece.

Defending champions, the Melbourne Buffalos, remain in third place by virtue of their 9-3 away win over Sydney Strikers and LaTrobe Valley kept alive their slimmed hopes for a top four play-off place by hammering Brisbane 15-1 at the Chandler Stadium in Brisbane.

There was only one National League match in the women's league — Illawarra, 7-3 victors over West Sydney Swans.

With only three rounds remaining the Swans, Eagles, Buffalos and Tornadoes are highly favoured for the final series.

This will be staged at the State Sports Centre, Homebush on Friday/Saturday evenings on December 8 and 9 after the return of the Australian men's side from the second Pacific International Cup in Mexico City from November 25 till December 3.

he gladly accepted a pass from Steve Duval.

Erkin Osman then scored after a jinking centre court run to beat the stretched defence and score in off the far post.

Inter Monaro were on the board two minutes later from a long-range speculator which took a deflection off the Swans captain to leave Bruce Thurlow stranded.

It was a further eight minutes before there was any alteration to the score when Steve Duval

cannon a volley from a throw-in to part the Inter Monaro keeper's hair.

Inter Monaro again closed the gap when Willy Sturton countered within two minutes to go to the break 3-2 down.

The second half was only four minutes old when Monaro's keeper brought down Stefan Janic in a rugby league-like tackle to earn a yellow card.

From the free kick, Ercan Osman was able to add to his tally from near the edge of the goal area.

With 60 seconds, Erkin Osman was on the board again for Western Sydney when brother Ercan was fortunate to deflect an awkward pass from the back of the court and the ball fell nicely for the Swans captain.

In the 27th minute, Stefan Janic then scored his first goal for several matches when he beat the opposing keeper pointless.

Western Sydney introduced Robbie Noggler into the game at the 29-minute mark and it was only a matter of minutes before he netted three goals within three minutes.

Erkin Osman also scored his third goal in the 34th minute before being substituted by Charles Akkary.



White Eagles v West Sydney Swans action at the Fairfield Leisure Centre — photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

In the final five minutes, Western Sydney scored a further three goals from the boots of Janic, Akkary and Brett Duval for a resounding result.

SWANS: Thurlow, Ercan Osman, S. Duval, Erkin Osman, B. Duval, Janic, Noggler, Akkary, Dene, Umpleby, Saville.

INTER: Musemeci, Strachan, Stilton, N. Popovic, A. Popovic, Shaw, Kanaridis.

SCORERS: Erkin Osman (3), Noggler (3), Ercan Osman (2), Janic (2), S. Duval, Akkary, B. Duval for Swans, Stilton (2) for Inter.

WHITE EAGLES 5 NIB TORNADOES 2

THE White Eagles continued their surge towards the minor premiership and the West Sydney Swans when they defeated the Bankstown NIB Tornadoes in front of yet another full house at the Fairfield Leisure Centre last Saturday night.

It appeared as though

the Tornadoes would continue where they left off against the Swans last week when Steve Knight lashed out with a superb volley in the second minute.

The Eagles though had other thoughts as Miodrag Radovic's free kick went straight through the Tornadoes wall into the back of the net to level the scores three minutes later.

Milan Blagojevic, who had just completed an NSL match with APIA at Marconi Stadium, appeared to be tired and sore, but it didn't prevent him and Vince Nastoski tearing the Tornadoes defence apart with their one touch passing.

And Blagojevic scored the first of his two goals in the 14th minute when he turned his defender and shot in one motion past outstretched goalie George Psaroudis.

Glen Jeffrey came close to equalising six minutes later when he stepped past the onrushing Eagles' keeper Angelo Rodic only to see his shot strike the post and go out.

Radovic scored two more goals before the break, in the 25th and 26th minutes, to give the Eagles an unassailable 4-1 lead over the three-time national champions.

In the second half

Steve Knight had the chance to peg a goal back for the Tornadoes but his shot from a metre out again struck the post.

Even with a good goal by Kelly Cross who got behind the Eagles defence to latch onto a Robbie Stuart pass to score, the Eagles looked composed in the defence.

With Blagojevic turning it on for the capacity crowd with his silky jinking skills and a spectacular goal in the 12th minute, it was a great victory for the Eagles, who are still without the suspended Radovan Filipovic and Mirko Radosavljevic.

EAGLES: Rodic, Krilar, Blagojevic, Antic, Blazic, Radovic, Nastoski, Pupovac.

TORNADOES: Psaroudis, Stuart, Jeffrey, Silva, White, Cross, Knight.

SCORERS: Radovic (3), Blagojevic (2) for Eagles, Knight, Cross for Tornadoes.



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NSW football faces future shock

The NSW Soccer Federation has had to face up to a superior standard of football, facilities and commercial dominance by the NSL. With eight NSL teams in the 1989/90 NSL, the NSW clubs have to consider new methods of winning public support. They will consider the situation this week. It may do little good to remain lukewarm...



NSW GM Ian Holmes — up to the clubs.

THE introduction to the Strategic Development Plan of the NSW Soccer Federation back in December, 1987 included some comments which went right to the bone.

They were: "In its present format, semi-professional soccer in the State of New South Wales has lost direction and public appeal, and unless the major problems facing the code can be quickly identified and successfully addressed, the Federation and its member clubs will become irrelevant as far as the future of the code is concerned

"The present structure of semi-professional soccer in the State of New South Wales is simply not in a position to solve the problems facing the code nor to take the code into the 1990s."

Going back to 1976 fourteen clubs formed into a National Soccer League. The Sydney-based clubs were: Hakoah, Sydney Olympic, St George, Western Suburbs and Marconi.

Traditionally these were the clubs with the greatest financial/spectator support in New South Wales.

The impact on New South Wales was dramatic. This Federation lost the biggest clubs, star players from all teams, the best facilities and media attention.

At the conclusion of the 1989 season this continued drain has now seen the best eight New South Wales clubs promoted to the National League and the administrative, finan-

cial, supporter, facilities and media base of this Federation totally decimated.

An objective and totally frank view of the clubs available for inclusion in the semi-professional leagues of this Federation would reveal the following:

- a) Facilities
 - No current club can meet the criteria as established in the Strategic Development Plan.
 - Ground surfaces are of a standard suitable only for amateur football.
 - Long established grounds (such as Seymour Shaw and Arlington Ovals) are at the best antiquated.
- b) Playing Standards
 - The National Soccer League has continued to

draw the best players to its competition.

- There are no players of "star" quality in the State League.

- c) Media Coverage
 - The National Soccer League, as the premier competition, has captured the limited space available in the media.
 - The current clubs are virtually incapable of generating any media exposure.

- d) Sponsorship
 - Lack of spectator or media coverage has made sponsorship almost impossible to obtain.

- e) Marketing
 - There is currently no market to sell to, because the supporter base is so small and the product is of inferior quality.

- f) Financial Strength
 - Both this Federation and its member clubs have continued to struggle on diminishing gate receipts and falling sponsorship opportunities.

- g) Developmental Plans
 - Virtually no club had addressed this area until forced to by the Strategic Development Plan.

- The development plans that the majority of clubs currently have could best be described as questionable.

It is futile to believe that any of the remaining clubs in the State League are National Soccer League material in the foreseeable future.

This fact is indisputable and can not be ignored any longer.

We must now start the rebuilding pro-

gramme that was initially intended with the Strategic Development Plan.

Our clubs must be granted time. Time to plan for the future. Time to develop facilities and supporter strength. Time to generate strength.

Proposal 1.

a) That the State League First Division consists of two 10 team competitions. These two groups to be made up of: 4 National League clubs, 6 State League clubs,

The composition of each group could be made up of the following:

Group A.

State League clubs which finished 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11th in the Premiership and the runner up in the Second Division Premiership. National Soccer League clubs which finished 2, 4, 6 and 8th on ranking amongst the NSW clubs in the League.

Group B.

State League clubs which finished 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10th in the Premiership and the promoted club from Second Division. National Soccer League clubs which finished 1, 3, 5 and 7th on ranking amongst the NSW clubs in the League.

The advent of summer soccer has created developmental problems for the National Soccer League clubs as well as State Federations.

The inclusion of National Soccer League teams in the 1990 competition would undoubtedly see senior and U/19 players being brought together for matches.

It would provide the ideal method for blood-ing younger players and maintaining the fitness and performance levels of the senior players.

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NSW president John Constantine — state aims for future progress.

Opportunity for vibrant Aussie code

AUSTRALIAN Soccer has always been beset by various devils.

By far the most devastating have been a lack of detailed, long term planning and a dilution of playing standards (and facilities) by constantly expanding competitions.

When the National League began in 1977 it captured the minds of the Australian sporting community. It was new... it was geographically placed... it had the top players... it provided a role model for other sports to emulate.

1990 offers Australian Soccer a unique opportunity to create a strong, vibrant and balanced code. An opportunity to capture the elusive spectator dollar and finally claim its position in the vanguard of Australian sport.

It is undeniable that the cream of Australia's soccer talent must be galvanized into one league; and that that league needs support not competition.

The support must come from healthy, workable State Leagues.

If promotion and relegation are to continue as a facet of soccer, it is farcical to see the newly promoted club become the newly relegated club.

The switch to summer soccer was made with three criteria in mind. It was perceived that the change would:

- (a) Maximize the supporter base due to the lack alternate attractions
- (b) Provide continuity to the NSL season by eliminating international fixtures
- (c) Allow the State Leagues the possibility of increased supporter and media attention by lack of conflict with NSL fixtures

Of these criteria only (a) and (b) are achievable with the current structure of soccer. Mathematically it is impossible to achieve criteria (c).

COMPETITION	NO. CLUBS	WEEKS REQ'D
NSL	14	26
NSW	12	22
VIC	16	30
SA	12	22
QLD	12	22

Even with the states employing 12 team State Leagues there is no time available for the promoted or relegated teams to make any adjustments to their playing staff before they are plunged into a new competition.

We find ourselves with a 48 week season that makes no allowances for pre-season, finals series or international fixtures.

Conflict and ill-feeling will be fostered by this problem as the State Federations will again see themselves as the major losers.

This is a new era in Australian Soccer.

The structure of the ASF has changed and our premier competition has swapped seasons.

Now is the time for a fundamental change in the fabric of our code.

There is no doubt that the Commissioners have the power to affect change; the only question is do they have the courage to drive our game onwards?

Soccer can no longer afford short term solutions. There is no longer any room for band-aids. The major surgery must commence.

The resources of Australian Soccer (elite players, coaches, referees, administrators, facilities) are spread gossamer-thin.

We need to contract them to produce an atmosphere of quality, for only the strong can lead us forward.

The ASF must limit the NSL and the State Leagues to a maximum size of ten teams.

Apart from the obvious benefit of ensuring that criteria (c) is fulfilled the following opportunities exist NOW:

- (i) Limiting the number of teams will concentrate the resources we have. Playing standards will rise and spectator facilities will be enhanced. This would translate into increased attendance and media coverage for both the NSL and State Leagues.
- (ii) Clubs would be able to begin the process of employing full-time professional players.
- (iii) Our better players would be less inclined to venture into overseas careers.
- (iv) Rigid criteria could be put into place to ensure the long term structure of a truly National League; not just the Sydney-Melbourne National League.

The responsibility for the totality of the sport in Australia rests with the ASF Commissioners.

They alone are empowered to make the hard decisions necessary for the future prosperity of the code.

The NSL and the State Federations must be prepared to accept the decisions of the Commissioners.

The restructuring to ten team competitions will bring about an equality of sacrifice for the long term benefit of the code.

The National League and the State Federations must be mature enough to subjugate short term, parochial interests to this end.

John F. Kennedy, in 1963, summed up the situation we now face when he said:

"Change is the law of life. Those who look only at the past or present are certain to miss the future."

The Commissioners may do well to consider the old adage that in the end the fundamental decisions that leaders make are decisions of character.



Blacktown v St George action in Sydney. What does the future hold for the premier State?

Australia needs all its football heroes

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

HAVING only just finished reading a truly inspirational tale of incredible success against all odds by Craig Johnston in his autobiography "Walk Alone", I was more than a little taken aback by John Warren's heartfelt comments in ASW on what he regards as Australia's soccer "mercenaries."

What saddens me even more is the fact that for all the admiration every one may have for Johnston's achievements, Warren has put forward a well argued case which is difficult to dispute.

Soccer in this country has given us precious few heroes to look up to over the years — Warren and Johnston have been two of mine, albeit in different eras and on different continents.

Perhaps it's simply a matter of loyalty to your own heroes that makes the sight of one being publicly critical of the other so disappointing.

As a newly arrived kid from Europe in the early sixties, carrying a burning passion for a

country and go down in history as one of Australia's all-time greats.

In the mid-70s, I remember reading of a young Aussie from Newcastle going to England in search of an impossible dream.

Another kid who will no doubt be back within a couple of months and settle for a less glamorous career in Australia, or so I thought.

How wrong did Craig Johnston prove me and almost everyone else to be!

Month after month and season after season, he built up a reputation in Britain and throughout Europe as an integral part of one of the world's great clubs.

Australian sports fans could hardly believe that one of their own was capable of achieving so much in a sport where Aussies had always been regarded as totally inferior.

As a committed follower of English football for as long as I can remember, I found it exceedingly difficult to comprehend how a youngster who could have been anyone of the thousands kicking a ball on Saturday mornings in



CRAIG JOHNSTON: inspirational

Somewhere along the line we have all had to make certain compromises in our lifetime.

Most of us are simply fortunate that loyalty to our own country never needed to be questioned.

If it was, and under certain circumstances, some of us might have done the same.

After all, it can be argued that the millions of migrants who came here in search of a better life also turned their backs on their beloved countries.

Warren's most critical comments were directed towards certain statements made by Johnston in the Australian media.

Some of these are difficult to understand and they can easily be interpreted as being quite offensive to Australian soccer.

Johnston has himself admitted in his book, however, that on a number of occasions, his gung-ho approach and shooting from the hip style has often got him in difficult situations which he later regretted.

Perhaps it's totally wrong of me to get involved in a conflict of opinion between two of my all-time heroes, but I strongly believe that both have an immense amount of benefits they can offer our game.

Australia, could end up with such an array of League Championship, FA Cup, Charity Shield and European Cup medals.

Craig Johnston proved himself to be a hero with Australians from all walks of life, living proof that if your determination is strong enough nothing is beyond your reach.

It could well be that it was this single-minded ambition to attain his goals which caused Johnston to turn his back on Australian soccer.

One can possibly understand and sympathise with him.



JOHN WARREN: devoted.

game that I had always simply known as football, I well remember making countless train journeys on Sunday afternoons to places like the old Wentworth Park, Sydney Athletic Field and Arlington Oval.

Johnny Warren was then no more than a young kid in a team of Canterbury youngsters carefully nurtured by Joe Vlasits.

Johnny Warren was perhaps my first Aussie soccer hero, an example of what can be achieved by hard work and dedication.

I closely followed his career as he eventually went on to captain his

PERSONALITY PLAYER

ROBBIE WHEATLEY (Marconi)

NAME: Robbie Wheatley
POSITION: Sweeper
HEIGHT: 180cms
WEIGHT: 74 Kilos
MARITAL STATUS: Married to Joanne
BIRTHPLACE: Sydney
DATE OF BIRTH: 17.5.62
HOME SUBURB: Thornleigh
OCCUPATION: High School teacher
PREVIOUS CLUB: Blacktown City
NICKNAME: Shackles
CAR: Camira SLX
BEST FRIEND: Grant Lee
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Pop Tunes
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: SBS's Sports Report
FAVOURITE GROUND: Marconi Stadium
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Paul Trimboli
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Playing for the Australian Youth team against Argentina (October, 1981), and both Grand Finals with Marconi in 1988 and 1989.
BIGGEST THRILL: The 1989 Grand Final
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being in the starting line-up for the 1988 Grand Final
WORST INJURY: Never missed a match through injury
HARDEST OPPONENT: John Kosmina and Peter Katholos
MOST PROMISING TEAM MATE: Paul Okon
AMBITIONS: To consolidate my position with Marconi
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Les Scheinflug, Ivo Prskalo
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Liverpool
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Rikjaard
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Alan Bond

— compiled by John Economos



WORLD CUP FINALS

— ITALY 1990

Here is how the Italian publication IL MONDIALE takes a traditional view of aspects of the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

If these portraits are to be believed, then football is certainly an ancient art.

It was believed to have begun in Greece... but is that the truth? Here is pictorial evidence that ancient Romans were involved! And who could now doubt that in Leonardo da Vinci's day football was all the rage?

His famous Mona Lisa tells the story. But in any case Rome and Italy it will be when the next World Cup comes around.

SBS-TV front man Les Murray and the team have been in Italy, preparing background stories and making arrangements for live transmission of the World Cup finals.

The series will be big on Australian television. The games begin on June 8, and run through until the finals on July 8.



ANDY STANKOVIC, the former Sydney Olympic and Newcastle central defender, had a bit of bad luck after joining his former coach Manfred Schaefer at Lambert Park.

Stankovic broke a collarbone in a trial game against St George, and will be missing for the next six weeks.

LIGHT training is the order of the day for St George stalwart Andy Koczka.

He now has had three weeks of workouts, and is toying with the idea of making a much earlier return to the game than originally planned — which

was next February.

With such a great career ahead of him, it is to be hoped that he follows the best of medical advice.

His concern is just how the St George defence will perform.

These days Andy is a representative for the sporting goods firm, Umbro.

GARY PARKER, the Scottish striker picked up by Blacktown City, was not the New Zealand top scorer, as has been widely reported.

But he is running second in the Air New Zealand Soccer League to Noel Barkley.

BON VOYAGE to former Liverpool Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic, who is about to set off for Yugoslavia.

The unflappable Rozic has been widely regarded as one of the gentlemen of the sport, and it is to be hoped that he will be back in Australia soon.

ROGER WILLS, well known in Adelaide sport, will handle ABC TV's Big Match programme, which will take the airwaves at 5pm.

ALTHOUGH Apia Leichhardt would give an eye and a tooth to secure ex-Socceroo midfielder **PETER RASKOPOULOS** from Sydney Olympic, the deal is unlikely to go ahead.

Apia aren't exactly in the position where they can fork out \$25,000 for even a player of Rasko's quality, with the player's fees on top of that.

In any case, Raskopoulos has a year to go under his Olympic contract.

THE question on many lips was whether the St George chiefs were really unhappy over the previous arrangements over goalkeeper **GEORGE BOUHOUTSOS** with Wollongong City, rather than with the \$300 transfer of David Ratcliffe to Wollongong City, where he will be player-coach.

It seems that Ratcliffe went from Sydney Olympic to St George on a free transfer, and he signed with them on circumstances that were alleged to involve a handshake deal as well as a contract.

Bouhoutsos moved to Greece after filling in for the Wolves after being a St George player.

WOLLONGONG CITY has been negotiating to secure former English professional **Garry Murphy** to strengthen its ranks.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

NSL YL North begins in the next issue.



Alan Davidson (right) and Oscar Crino pose in front of a huge billboard used to advertise Quit's involvement with Australian soccer

MELITA coach Raul Blanco is waiting for visa formalities to be completed for the club's new Argentine striker, Sergio Falce, who has been a consistent scorer with Nueva Chicago in the Argentine Second Division.

NEW Blacktown City midfielder signing **GEOFF GUNNING** made a brief comeback last year with his former club Marconi Fairfield after recovering from a horrific car accident which saw two people die and Gunning himself badly smashed up.

His return was quite limited as he found that he was still hampered by a whole series of injuries — a broken hand, foot and nose plus rib, back and hip injuries.

But Gunning has since responded to exercise and physiotherapy, and says he will enjoy his football more than ever.

In December he and fiancée **Karen Delaney** will be tying the knot.

Paul Carter, the brilliant full-back formerly with Marconi, will be best man.

JOHN FILAN, the young St George goalkeeper who was out on loan to Sydney Macedonia for their victorious 1989 State League Second Division season, is winning rave notices, particularly following his trial game performance against Apia.

He began with Gladesville Hornsby

juniors before joining the St George youth scheme.

To say the least, Saints' goalkeeper coach Fred Wall has been highly impressed by his showings.

KLAUS OKON, himself a former NSW State League player, had every reason to celebrate after the first round of the National Soccer League.

One son, Paul, had made one fleeting NSL competition appearance as a substitute with Marconi last season.

He was sweeper for Marconi in its clearcut 1-0 win over Sydney Olympic, having claimed a first team place in his own right.

On the same Marconi Stadium, in the early fixture of a double-header, midfielder **Klaus Junior** made his debut for Apia Leichhardt in its 2-0 win over West Adelaide Hellas.

QUINTON WATKINS of West Adelaide no doubt is prepared to admit that he had a strange way of celebrating his club's return to the National League.

He copped a booking from referee Jim Reeves in the very first minute of the Apia Leichhardt game on Saturday evening!

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PETER BERRY, the former Yugal and Rockdale goalkeeper in the NSW State League, is looking for action again, preferably with a club in Parramatta or surrounding areas.

Clubs interested can contact him on 636 4751 (AH).

The ACT's Carl Thayer has been elected secretary of the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation, only the third person to hold the position in the national body's 22-year history and the first active referee to do so.

ACTSRF publicity officer Paul Murphy said Thayer had become eligible for the post after a change in the national constitution. "Previously the office was restricted to people who had given up active refereeing," he said.

"As it is Carl can now only officiate at local level."

Thayer, who has been refereeing for 11 years, brings a wealth of administrative experience to the position, having served five years as ACT secretary.

In a scoop for NSL Soccer, Blacktown City has been able to negotiate a celebrity game between Channel 9 and 2WS on Saturday, November 11.

Kick-off will be at 6.15pm, before the main feature game between Blacktown and Marconi.

THERE was no joy at Newcastle club Highfields Azzurri when the Northern NSW Soccer Federation blocked the club's move into the 1989-90 National Youth League.

The NNSW Federation claimed that the upgrading was contrary to the progress of soccer in the north.

It seems that Newcastle lads will be denied the chance of playing against the best youth in the nation.

FIFUSA

It appears **FIFUSA** is close to winning the battle to have its version of the indoor game recognised throughout the world.

A recent meeting in Zurich between FIFUSA and the International Football Federation (FIFA), which governs outdoor soccer, took a major step towards the integration of the two bodies when it agreed there should be a two-year freeze on the rules of current indoor competitions.

A joint committee of FIFA and FIFUSA representatives will use the period to draft a definitive rule book governing indoor soccer the world over.

The meeting also agreed to set January 1 for the final integration of the two groups, officially ending a history of often bitter rivalry which goes back more than 30 years.

— GRAHAM COOKE

Aussie on the track in the Netherlands



Heath Goldstein in his VVV Eindhoven shirt.

HEATH GOLDSTEIN, an 18 year old Aussie from Sydney's outer western suburb of Merrylands, is making excellent progress in Dutch soccer.

He originally went for trials and gained selection in the Youth team of Dutch giants, PSV Eindhoven.

But a family friend wisely advised him to try out with a lesser club.

So off he went to link up with Eindhoven's other First Division club, VVV.

A former St George junior, Heath has now won a one year contract and is working hard in the reserve team.

He overcame work permit problems when he obtained a job with a family friend in an engineering company in Vortum.

He is revelling in playing on the perfectly smooth Dutch playing surfaces, and is rapidly gaining experience under professional coaches.

His parents, John and Susan Goldstein, both longtime ardent St George supporters, hope that one day their son will make a big impact in Europe.

— JOHN ECONOMOS



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Croats in Brisbane



GRAHAM ARNOLD (left) scored a goal in the Brisbane final for Sydney against Melbourne Croatia.

SYDNEY Croatia triumphed 2-1 over Melbourne Croatia in the final of the national Croatian tournament in Brisbane a fortnight ago.

Ivan Petkovic suffered an ankle injury in the semi-final while Pedro Ricoy aggravated a hamstring complaint during the opening round matches.

The tournament gave former Soccerroo Ron Corry a good chance to look at the young prospects in the club, prospects which I'm certain will become regulars in the first team.

Striker David Seal came to the fore late in the 1989 NSL season, and in four tournament games he scored eight goals, including a four-goal spurge in the 4-0 win over Canberra Croatia in the semi-finals.

Midfielder Ned Zelic has already represented Australia at U19 level and at 17 has a bright future as does 18-year-old goalie John Russell, who joined the club from West Wallsend in Newcastle.

But the youngster destined to make a big impact is towering Australian under 16 sweeper, Mark Babic.

It was the first time I'd seen him play after hearing several glowing reports.

There's no denying he is a class player and his sense of maturity and poise at the back stood out like a beacon.

Perhaps it's unfair to heap praise on one so young but Babic has a very cool head.

"I know the job I have to do and I just want to try and hold a spot in the team," Babic said.

"The senior players

and Ron have been very helpful and they've warned not to take too much notice about publicity."

Corry is more to the point: "This player has all the credentials and he'll know to handle media attention once he's established in the team."

"People have said I should have signed Charlie Yankos, but I'm looking to the future and I believe people will see I am justified in promoting Mark."

"He'll give quite a few people a surprise this season as will the others."

"It's time now to give some of the youngsters a chance."

Croatia's other signings, Mike Grbevski (St George), Steve Gojevic (Heidelberg) and Velimir Kupresak (St Albans) slotted in well, with Kupresak, standing out in the midfield.

He will make a huge difference, considering Croatia have lacked in this department in recent years.

Ante Rumora and Wally Savor didn't play because of business reasons while the experienced players, Hunter, Arnold, Lamond, and Jones slotted in quite comfortably.

On the other side of the coin, Melbourne Croatia had a somewhat new-look about them and although they trailed 2-0 at the break, they showed fighting qualities to make a comeback in the second half.

Actually, George Hannah could have levelled terms in the dying stages but for a wide attempt at goal, with the empty net beckoning.

Zelko Adzic, Alan Davidson and new signing Andrew Marth didn't take part, while Paul Donnelly suffered an injury in the 4-0 semi-final win over King Tomislav.

Melbourne had set-up base on the Gold Coast a week in advance, to acclimatise to the hot, humid conditions they'll no doubt encounter during the inaugural summer season.

Ex-Preston player John Markovski should settle in well once he develops a good combination with his new teammates.

His signing is a coup for the club and now they are trying to secure his former Sunshine team-mate, Sean Keogh.

But that's where the catch is — Sunshine want \$30,000 while Croatia have offered \$16,000.

"We are keen to sign Keogh but I'm also looking at Mirko Runje, the former Australian youth player, coach Ivan Raznevic said.

RESULTS: SYDNEY CROATIA: First round: v Wollongong Croatia 3-1 (Seal 2, Lamond), v Gold Coast 2-1 (Seal, Kupresak). **SEMI-FINAL:** v Canberra Croatia 4-0 (Seal 4). **FINAL:** v Melbourne Croatia 2-1 (Arnold, Seal).

MELBOURNE CROATIA: First Round: v Newcastle Croatia 4-0 (Kelic 2, Hannah, Awaritife), v Werrington Sydney 8-0 (Caleta 2, Grbac 2, Hannah 2, Milosevic 2).

SEMI-FINAL: v King Tomislav Sydney 4-0 (Hannah, Kelic, Caleta, Grbac). **FINAL:** v Sydney Croatia 1-2 (Markovski).

REFEREES

With reference to ASW's article in the November 1 issue, "How not to grade referees," it is understood that referee Alan Townsend declined to accept a Youth League grading.

Canberra Award

BY GRAHAM COOKE

ANDREW Young received fitting reward for a steady season at the heart of Canberra Croatia's defence when he was named the club's NSW State League Player of the Season.

The former Australian Institute of Sport scholarship holder is not the kind of man who normally makes the headlines.

But when the time comes to select a squad, his name is invariably the one which is included without argument.

And the good news for Croatia is that he intends to remain with the club in the foreseeable future.

"I don't see myself moving if they still want me," he said after the presentation dinner at the Croatia Deakin club.

When Doug Marcina was included in then coach Jimmy Shoulder's squad at the beginning of the season, it was expected he would face a long period of bench-warming.

Instead, the young defender forced his way straight into the starting line-up, missing just one game, and

it was no surprise that he was named the season's most consistent player.

Nor was the award of most improved to Tony Lemezina any surprise.

His talent has never been in doubt — but his temperament and maturity were until the second half of the season when he buckled down to a series of outstanding performances which, if continued, will make him a first-team fixture for 1990 and many years beyond.

NSW Youth League coach Ivan Gruicic declined to make specific awards for his team.

"How can you give a most improved when they all improved so much?" he said.

"That's what players in this competition are supposed to do."

He did select Luka Ujdur, Sasha Jancevski and Elvis Glavinic for three special encouragement prizes.

Other awards were: ACT First Division, Best and Fairest, Emil Maricic; Most improved, Mark Markovic. Reserves, Best and Fairest, Emil Bulum; most improved, Michael Gianasca; under 19, Best and Fairest, Ivan Eskinja; most improved, Johnny Simic.

VICTORIAN COMP WINNERS

THE final wrap-up of Victoria's thriving Industrial and Amateur League for 1989.

DIVISION ONE M CHAMPIONS — Highpoint
DIVISION ONE A CHAMPIONS — Hampton Park United

DIVISION TWO M CHAMPIONS — Tottenham
DIVISION TWO A CHAMPIONS — Flemington Florida

DIVISION THREE EAST CHAMPIONS — Dallas United
DIVISION THREE WEST CHAMPIONS — Altona North

DIVISION FOUR CHAMPIONS — Eltham Diamond Valley

MANSFIELD BUNNEY LEAGUE CUP WINNERS — Ardeer

MANSFIELD BUNNEY INVITATION CUP WINNERS — Elwood Utd Reserves

BEST AND FAIREST AWARDS —
DIVISION ONE — Gerard Debaisio (Coomoora Spiders)

Doru Dodenciu (Melb. Rumania)
DIVISION TWO M — Kon Kavalakis (Cretan Athletic)

DIVISION TWO A — Mehmet Desovali (Bayside ATA)

DIVISION THREE EAST — Stanley Wardle (Bowater Scott)

DIVISION THREE WEST — Terence Page (Kings Park Heights)

DIVISION FOUR — Jose Pinto (Endeavour Utd)

TOP GOALSCORERS

DIVISION ONE M — Menelaos Zaganidis (Apollo Utd)

DIVISION ONE A — Wayne Brown (Hampton Park Utd)

DIVISION TWO M — Kon Kavalakis (Cretan Athletic)

DIVISION TWO A — Haldun Ercingoz (Bayside ATA)

DIVISION THREE EAST — Stan Anagnostou (Laminex)

DIVISION THREE WEST — Ivan Grgas (St Albans Dynamo)

DIVISION FOUR — Howard Smith (Eltham Diamond Valley)

THE SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY — Dallas United

PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Mitre Taseski (Altona Ilinden)



Sean Lahiff in action for his Finnish club Koparit.

Lahiff stars in Finland

MANLY WAR-RINGAH product Sean Lahiff, whose career was just taking off in Sydney when he went to Europe, has landed an excellent contract with Finnish club, Koparit.

The fine young goalkeeper had three other Finnish clubs trying to sign him.

Koparit's offer included an increased salary, a return air ticket to Australia, plus other benefits such as accommodation, a car and meals.

Lahiff is regularly mobbed after games, gets countless requests for autographs and plenty of fan mail.

He conducts coaching clinics, and talks about Australia at schools and colleges.

He has received offers of trials with Bayern Munich in Germany, and also from France and Portugal.

After two years of constant play in England and Finland he is looking forward to a break.

He will be home in Sydney in December, but first is having a couple of weeks complete rest in Switzerland.

land and Turkey.

Koparit has asked him to scout for players whilst on holiday.

The club finished in second spot in 1990 and aims to go one better next season.

Lahiff won't be 21 until the end of 1990. He will then look for trials in West Germany, France, Portugal or Belgium, unless something big crops up beforehand.

Prior to leaving Sydney, Lahiff was reserve keeper for Sydney City before they broke up, with Clint Gosling having joined up as No 1.

Previously to that he was at Manly along with Marconi's Brett Hughes, with whom he has been a lifelong mate.

Coach Alf Stamp preferred Warwick Tingle as No 1 keeper, but Lahiff did not let the matter rest there.

He was playing on loan with Sydney University when he packed up and headed off for England, where lack of a work permit proved his downfall.

Lahiff was coached by Fred Wall, who is now goalkeeping coach at St George and is looking after keepers under their apprenticeship scheme.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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PROMOTING A STATE OF HEALTH

A DECISION should be made this week on whether or not Adelaide City contests next year's Ampol Cup night series.

It is understood City has written to the SA Soccer Federation claiming it will not participate in the series "because of a shortage of players."

If City does not participate in the prestige pre-season event, USC Lion is likely to play.

Lion finished seventh in last season's Foundation SA State League but was excluded from the Ampol Cup when a previous SASF board ruling showed the Cup holder should defend the trophy.

Croatia, therefore, was invited to participate in next year's tournament.

The Ampol Cup will kick-off on Friday, January 5.

General manager of the SASF, Mike Wells also has completed a 'fixture juggle' to draw up the schedule for next year's Foundation SA State League.

The program will have an early start. The first round of the winter season kicks off on Saturday, March 3.

"We had too many variables to take into consideration this year, it was quite a juggle," said Wells. "But I think we are there now."

"Hindmarsh Stadium needs at least six or eight weeks to be refurbished properly at the end of the season and with next year's NSL season kicking off in October, we have to start the State winter league early to give time for Hindmarsh to be put into shape."

The SASF is awaiting a firm proposal from the NSW Soccer Federation over Soviet side Moscow Torpedo's visit to SA.

Torpedo is due in Australia in January for a five or six-game tour — including SA as a venue.

"We are waiting on final costing proposals from Ian Holmes (general secretary NSWSF) and we then will decide if we go ahead with a game," said Wells.

Friday, January 26 was a provisional date for a game at Hindmarsh but that would clash with Ampol Cup and NSL commitments here.

Torpedo is due in Australia from January 15 to February 6.

THE SA Division of the Australian Referees Federation is awaiting approval for a six-man panel of refs for the Ampol Cup series which will kick-off on Friday, January 5.

It is Jim Rossis, Tom McRoe, Mike Browning, Tony Martell, John Miller and John Papanicolas.

On the reserve panel are Roy Jones, Steve Vatkovic, Dave Keniwell, Frank Crupi, Mike Ingham and John Seymour-Griffin.

THE Adelaide Scotland select side has had a good year with charity game victories against Australia, Italy and Greece.

But the big one is on Sunday at Para Hills — against the Auld Enemy, England.

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The FC Lion goalkeeper defends against an Adelaide Hellas attack — SA's West End Cup final on September 23 — Pic: JANUSZ KAMMA

BILL Tattersall will miss his last year as a First Division referee.

He is 50 this year and automatically is forced to retire from the First Division panel.

But Tattersall leaves in April for a long holiday break in Britain and Europe and he is expected to referee next season in Second Division.

THE Eagles of Gary Price kicked off Seaford's annual seven-a-side tournament on Friday against the Saxons. The eight-team competition should finish in mid-December.

Meanwhile, Seaford's pre-season training started on Tuesday — Melbourne Cup day. Like the Cup, training was for stayers.

NSW sponsorship

THE NSW Soccer Federation has struck a tremendous barrier in obtaining sponsorship support.

Whilst Victoria and South Australia have won support from the Anti-drug authorities in their states, NSW could not penetrate the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation funding, despite being included in the heads of agreement.

The Federation soon found that the NSW Drug Offensive and the NSW Dept of Health were of no help.

NSW Government policy is to only direct funds from the tobacco

tax into the provision of direct health services.

There is a feeling in the NSW Federation that, when state bodies make an approach for sponsorship, the National Soccer League is allowed to take over and the states end up with the wrong end of the pineapple.

In addition, the funding of coaching has been lost.

The NSW Federation would be pleased to learn of positive contacts that will put them on line for a major sponsorship.

Despite the dominance of the NSL, NSW has much to offer through its various grades and clubs.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

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Lucrative deal will give Hellas a boost



ADELAIDE Hellas has been given a golden start to its NSL campaign by signing a lucrative new deal with Distinctive Homes as its major sponsor.

The quality home building firm's logos will adorn Hellas strips in this season's NSL summer challenge. And Hellas is gearing for a year to remember.

Managing director of Distinctive Homes, George Flourentzou, described the two-year deal as 'substantial'. He is happy to increase his backing with the club he has supported since 1964. Mr Flourentzou, with wife Sophia, who has not missed a home game in eight years, is a keen supporter as well as backer of Hellas.

Distinctive Homes, in company with Frank Formato Marketing, is a leader in the SA building field.

And Mr Flourentzou sees Hellas successfully building on the solid financial foundation his company has supplied.

"We have been involved comprehensively in sport sponsorship for quite some time, including backing West Adelaide Football Club," said Mr Flourentzou. "We are happy to announce this new sponsorship of Hellas and believe the club is on the threshold of big success. The top five is our aim for this season and with the team we have at the club we believe we can achieve that."

"We want to do well for SA. That's what it is all about."

Club vice-president Steve Christodoulou welcomed the sponsorship.

"Distinctive Homes has a background of success and with Hellas achieving success in making it through to the NSL now is the optimum time for the leading firm to become more fully involved with the club," he said.

"We fully welcome their support as we go forward into the elite league."

Club skipper Alby Kidd said the Flourentzou family had made the families of new Hellas players feel very welcome at the club and he was delighted with the new backing.

"The players all are fit and raring to go," said Kidd. "We only have had a short break but that could work to our advantage as we shall go in really sharp. We all are looking to do well in the challenge before us."

Hellas will wear its blue and white strips in the NSL campaign. But for away matches where colors clash, the SA giant will take the field in a new Panathinaikos-green outfit.

Meanwhile, Hellas plans a major revamp of its junior set-up and has called for applications for a junior coaching director.

"We are putting together a serious youth policy and want a coaching director to co-ordinate our elite squads and ensure a common club soccer strategy for players from under 13 through to seniors," said secretary Con Manis.

"We aim to have the best junior set-up in Australia and stress fair consideration will be given to all players wishing to play for the club."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CURRAN HAT-TRICK

By RICHARD KREIDER in Perth

FLOREAT Athena skipper Jeff Curran crowned off yet another successful year by winning the inaugural Federation Gold Medal at a stylish reception held in the Perth Langley Plaza Hotel.

It is a third Fairest and Best honour for the skilful defender in two years as he won the last Rothmans Gold Medal in 1988, and more recently turned on a match-winning performance in the D'Orsogna Cup Final against Perth Italia to take the D'Orsogna Medal as Best on Ground.

Curran, who dominated the count from the start, becomes the only player since Theo Paap (1967/68) to receive the state's F & B award two years in a row.

But when asked if he expected to get the new \$2000 medal lowered around his neck, he admitted to believing Andy Wright (Kingsway Olympic) would have been the recipient following his runaway win in the Radio 6NR/AFROS Industries Player of the Year Award.

In that, Curran came runner-up for the second consecutive season.

But in the Federation's Gold Medal, the positions were reversed with Wright finishing equal second with former Irish international Noel Larkin (Spearwood Dalmatinac) who only arrived in WA half-way through the playing term.

Colin Irwin, ex-Liverpool and now player-coach of Sorrento, shared third place with Dave Evans of Italia.

Larkin's team-mate Nicky Dyer may have directed points away from the Irishman following a strong performance in the final six games where the midfielder collected a stunning 13 points from a possible 18 to finish fourth

overall. Amazingly, the five top vote-getters perform a similar role with their respective clubs as a defensive sweeper.

Curran's achievements must now place him high on the NSL wanted list, despite having one more year to honour on his contract with the strong Athena Club.

The results of the votes: Jeff Curran (FA) 26, Noel Larkin (SD), Andy Wright (KO) 20, Colin Irwin (SOR), Dave Evans (PI) 19, Nicky Dyer (SD) 16, Frank Bate (S.MAC), Rene De Koning (BAYS INTER) 15, Ross McGinn (S.MAC) 14, Jamie McGettrick (S.MAC) 13, Ross Greer (FA) 12, Frank Smerilli (BI), Mel Weston (NP CROATIA), Norrie Sutton (FA) 10.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EMU EXPORT SUPER LEAGUE

FINAL TABLES	
Floreat	21 15 3 3 58 20 48
Perth Italia	21 12 3 6 49 23 39
Sorrento SC	21 8 8 5 31 31 32
Stirling Mac	21 8 6 7 43 36 30
Nth Perth Croat	21 7 3 11 19 35 24
Kingsway Oly	21 7 2 12 31 44 23
Bayswater Inter	21 6 5 10 36 61 23
Spearwood	21 5 12 4 31 48 17

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Fremantle	26 13 9 4 45 30 48
Inglewood Klev	26 14 3 9 66 38 45
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Fernside	26 10 11 5 39 24 41
Rockham C	26 11 7 8 39 35 40
Cockburn	26 10 6 10 51 57 36
Gosnells	26 9 4 13 33 41 31
Wanneroo	26 8 4 14 34 45 28
Osborne	26 7 6 13 33 55 27
Morley	26 6 8 12 26 43 26
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THIRD DIVISION	
Swan Cracovia	21 15 3 3 41 19 48
Hampton	21 14 3 4 62 21 45
Melville	21 12 4 5 53 26 40
East Perth	21 12 4 5 39 19 40
Armadale	21 8 8 5 38 33 32
Dianella	21 9 3 9 39 27 30
Ashfield	21 6 8 7 28 26 26
Canning	21 7 4 10 36 38 25
University	21 7 3 11 27 40 24
Subiaco	21 6 5 10 34 34 23
Perth C	21 2 4 15 16 50 10
Albany	21 3 1 17 19 98 10

FOURTH DIVISION	
Whitford C	16 13 1 2 44 11 40
Swan IC	16 11 3 2 42 21 36
Booragoon	16 10 1 5 50 20 31
North Lake	16 8 2 6 33 31 26
Vasto United	16 5 4 7 19 32 19
Queens Park	16 4 4 8 16 29 16
Swan Ath	16 4 4 8 26 40 16
Kalamunda	16 2 4 10 22 37 10
Western Y	16 1 5 10 14 45 8

JUNIOR CLUBS AND SCHOOLS

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The new face of Blacktown

BY MARIO ETCHART

THE signing of Soccer captain Charlie Yankos to a two-year contract, the spending of \$1 million to upgrade the facilities at Gabbie Stadium, the sponsorship deal with radio station 2WS, and the promotion campaign for the derby of the West between Blacktown City and NSW defending champion Marconi, on Novem-

ber 11, were the highlights of the press conference held by Blacktown City Soccer Club last Wednesday.

The signing of Charlie Yankos for two seasons is a big gain for the Demons.

The experience of the Australian captain is matchless and it will be a leading example for the Blacktown youngsters.

The addition of ex-



CHARLIE YANKOS: his surprise signing will add experience to the Demons' line-up in 1989/90.

NSW future shock

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For example it is self evident that Frank Arok would welcome the opportunity to maintain the fitness level of National team players.

This Federation would continue to be seen to be serving the best interest of the Australian Soccer Federation, National teams, National Soccer League clubs (who are full members of this Federation, clubs of this Federation, the progress of soccer.

Advantages.

1) Soccer in New South Wales: Better facilities, Higher playing standards, Higher media profile, Large attendance, Increase sponsorship/marketing possibilities, Fewer clubs need to be relegated, Enlarged Championship Series, if considered practical and financially beneficial.

2) National Soccer League clubs: Opportunity to go full-time professional, continuity of spectator following, possibility of developing/blooming younger players for the National Soccer League, greater public awareness, provides an easy "fall-back" position should the National Soccer League collapse, relatively low cost competition.

3) State League clubs: Bigger attendance, better quality opposition, lessens the gap between National Soccer League and State League for promoted clubs, increased sponsorship/marketing possibilities.

Disadvantages.

1) Soccer in New South Wales: increased number of matches, strain on limited refereeing resources.

2) National Soccer League clubs: length of playing season, additional cost.

3) State League clubs: Higher standard of "professionalism" required.

B) that there be a moratorium on promotion and relegation to

and from this Division for a period of three years, but that the Status Quo be reverted to after that time.

Advantages.

1) Soccer in New South Wales: Long term stability, time to evaluate, plan, consolidate.

cohesion between the National League and State Federation competition programmes.

Improved scope for media profile.

2) National Soccer League clubs:

Provides a long-term opportunity to implement meaningful player development programmes.

Long-term use of facilities is guaranteed.

3) State League clubs: Provides time to develop: playing strength, facilities, long-term sponsorship packages, without the fear of being promoted or relegated.

Proposal 2.

That the State League Second Division consist of two 10 team competitions and that there be no promotion or relegation for a period of three years.

Advantages.

Apart from those already covered elsewhere in this article the following additional advantages are considered important:

Allow for geographical placement of clubs from outside the Sydney Metropolitan Area eg: Central Coast, Orange etc.

Provide for the immediate elevation and hence encouragement of more progressive clubs from the lower Division.

Alleviate the "squeeze" affect in Second Division. This "sandwich" mentality is brought about by pressure from the ambitious clubs below Second Division and those on the way out from First Division.

In dealing with the Second Division Competition on the same basis as First Division, the Federation is viewed as being consistent in its approach to the two Divisions of State League Soccer.

Marconi defender Paul Carter and striker Geoff Gunning, New Zealand scoring machine Gary Parker, second highest scorer in his country's National League, midfielder David Glenn from UK club Chester City, 19-year-old defender from Perth Shaun Murphy, AIS goalkeeper Steve Mautone, goalkeeper, plus the retained players from last year — Bill Londos, Kurt Reynolds, Lee Sterrey, Darren Northam, Peter Bennett, Dominic Longo, Zarko Odzakov, Ralph Maier, Stephen Jee, Laurie McKinna, Zlatko Arambasic and John Gibson — will make Blacktown a team to be respected this season.

At another level, the upgrading of facilities at Gabbie Stadium includes a most modern floodlight system that will ensure a more than adequate television standard; a grandstand with 10 private boxes to be completed in April 1990; modern changing rooms, plus gymnasium and sauna and new press rooms to be constructed in the new stand.

The ground has been extended six metres at the northern end, a new banking has been built at the southern end which will be known as "Bay 12" with capacity for 2,000 spectators.

The actual changing rooms for players and referees have been ex-

tended and modernised, and the current press box has been fitted with an air conditioning unit to cope with the heat in the summer months.

As Terry Seacy, Marketing Manager of Blacktown City announced, the Demons received a major boost in their marketing plans with an associate sponsorship from 2WS Radio Station.

This sponsorship will guarantee Blacktown City's home games a \$30,000 advertising package that includes not less than 14-30 seconds commercials for each game.



Zlatko Arambasic

Each Thursday a Blacktown City preview will be heard on the Breakfast Show, and repeated at Drive Time, latest scorers from the

ground on Saturday evening news bulletins; and for the first game against Marconi, in what has been called the Western Suburbs derby, no less than 30-40 second commercials from Tuesday, November 6 right up to kick-off time on Saturday, November 11.

This sponsorship, according to Mr Seacy, is the biggest media support for any soccer club in Australia.

The promotion for the derby will be done with the support of local business and the three major shopping centres in the Blacktown area.

Two of the most popular children's characters from Australia Wonderland will be visiting these shopping centres on Saturday, November 11, promoting the Blacktown vs Marconi match.

In addition, 25,000 leaflets have been printed for distribution, starting last Saturday and also fixture posters will be delivered to shopping centres.

Terry Seacy, in his opening remarks said that "soccer is no longer a sport, it is a business, it must have set goals to achieve, a plan of action to ensure that achievement. It must have a budget to guide it along the way, budgets for revenue and expenditure, but above all, budget for marketing".

Marconi wins Charity Cup

BY ALAN CLARK

MARCONI started off where they left off last season by winning the inaugural Charity Cup clash last Wednesday against Adelaide City 2-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

A controversial late penalty goal by top scorer Zlatko Nasteviski gave Marconi the spoils in the gala opening to the new summer season.

Referee Tom McRoe, joining the charity for the evening by receiving no match payments, gave the spot-kick after Fred de Jong collapsed in the box under challenge from Neville Flounders.

The City defender received treatment after the incident in which he claimed he was victim not villain.

But Player of the Year Nasteviski didn't care to argue. He just swept the spot-kick past Robert Zabica to ease tired Marconi to another title.

De Jong had opened the scoring early in the



first half when he was on the spot to finish off a Tommy McCulloch shot, blocked by Zabica.

But exciting new City striker Carl Veart made his mark with the equaliser.

He wriggled past a defender to fire a shot against the post. Stevie Maxwell rocked in the equaliser against his old mates.

Marconi, too, have a champion in the making in sweeper Paul Okon. He looks a cool, composed character — even as a 17-year-old.

The Charity Cup match between last season's premier and cup winner benefitted the National Cranio-Facial Maxillo Foundation, the Lord Mayor of Adelaide's 'I Say No To Drugs' campaign and the Mayor of Hindmarsh's Christmas Appeal.

Blanco spreads gospel in Cebu

MELITA Eagles coach Raul Blanco spent a week in the Philippines before the kick-off of the NSL summer season as guest of the Cebu Football Association.

Blanco was invited to conduct a coaching academy in Cebu by former Apia Leichhardt player Graeme Mackinnon, who now lives and works in Cebu.

Soccer in the Philippines has to compete against basketball, the national sport, baseball and jai alai, and has yet to secure a significant foothold outside the capital, Manila.

The coaching academy in Cebu, sponsored by Michel Huillier, who footed the expenses for Blanco's trip, was the first held in that part of the country and attracted many applicants, who were all put through their paces by the Australo-Argentine.

Blanco proved so popular that he has been invited to return next year — with his Melita Eagles team.

His appearance in soccer-starved Cebu may also result in the city building its first regulation size soccer field, which would be inaugurated when and if Melita play in Cebu late in 1990.

The lack of good grounds has held back the development of the code in Cebu and Blanco was not impressed with the grounds now available.

Mackinnon, who contributes a column to the Cebu SUN STAR DAILY, writes that Blanco quickly gained the respect of the camp participants.

The best two players at the conclusion of a very successful week were presented with Australian jerseys, which they will cherish.

Mackinnon is keen for closer soccer relations between Australia and the Philippines as both countries share English as a common language and also because of the geographical proximity.

The Australian national team has played in Manila once — in 1972 — when it won 6-0 in a match which marked Mackinnon's former Apia team-mate Terry Butler's first international appearance for the Socceroos.

SIXTH SYDNEY ETHNIC WORLD CUP

Final replayed on Sunday

BY MARIO ETCHART

CHILE and Turkey drew 1-1 after extra-time in the final of the Sydney Ethnic Soccer World Cup in front of a capacity crowd at Garside Park last Saturday night.

There will be a replay this Sunday, November 12, at the same venue.

In the opening match, for third and fourth places, Spain defeated last year's winner Macedonia 5-4 on penalties.

The sixth final of the Ethnic World Soccer Cup was, by far, the best in the history of the competition.

It was a game that had non-stop action, drama, skills, excitement, and above all, great soccer from both teams.

Turkey and Chile offered the fans value for their money in a real thriller.

A draw was a true reflection of what happened on the park.

And the decision to play a second match to find the champion was the right one.

To decide a final of that calibre on a penalty shoot-out would have been an injustice.

The young Turkish outfit took an early lead after only five minutes of play.

Celik, in a counter-attack, burst into the box where the enterprising striker was brought down by Chilean defender Willis.

Midfielder Sertbas made no mistake from the penalty spot to give Turkey a 1-0 lead.

The Chileans enjoyed territorial advantage but Turkey was always dangerous when it had the chance to go forward.

The match gained in intensity with the Chileans looking for the equaliser and the Turks

defending well, closing all the gaps and frustrating the efforts of the South American strikers in the first 45 minutes.

The excellent work of Turkish midfielder Genc, well supported by Sertbas and Taskin, made the difference.

Although Chilean midfielders Ortiz, Monsalve and Castro had good games, Chile missed the hard work and experience of Carlos Donoso in midfield.

Turkey started better in the second half, and in the space of 10 minutes young Chilean keeper Gonzalez pulled off brilliant saves from Genc and Celik shots.

The South Americans improved and started to put pressure on the Turkish defense.



The Australian over-35s with their runners-up trophy.



Mario Etchart presents the ASW trophy to the Chilean over-35s — Photo by HECTOR CARRASCO.

Duarte was brought down inside the box by goalie Silkeci in the 60th minute, but the referee disregarded the protests from the Chilean players.

Five minutes later, the Chilean pressure paid dividends.

Defender Johnson crossed from the left and Ortiz, over the right, connected with a great volley to equalise.

Johnson, who moved freely over the left flank, and Ortiz in the midfield were in-

strumental in the second half Chilean revival.

In the last 10 minutes goalkeeper Gonzalez was the hero with some critical saves.

The game then went to extra-time. There was plenty of drama in front of both goals until the end, with Chilean and Turkish strikers missing golden opportunities.

Turkish midfielder Genc and Chilean goalkeeper Gonzalez shared the honours as the best players on the park, while Johnson and

Ortiz for Chile, and Greegson, Sertbas and Celik for Turkey had outstanding matches.

TURKEY: Silkeci 8, Younan 6, Cootes 6, Akdogan 6, Greegson 8, Sertbas 7, Genc 8, (Evirgen 113th), Taskin 7, Tasdemir 6, Celik 7, Snol 6 (Takla 77th) 6.

CHILE: Gonzalez 8, Cortes 6, Johnson 7, Willis 6, Kulwicki 6, Ortiz 7, Araujo 5, Castro 6, (Donoso 83rd) 6, Duarte 6, Monsalve 7, Ferris 5.

Man of the match: Genc (Turkey).

APIA SOCCER CLUB YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS



- ◆ Under 13 & 14 — Tuesday 7th & 14th November
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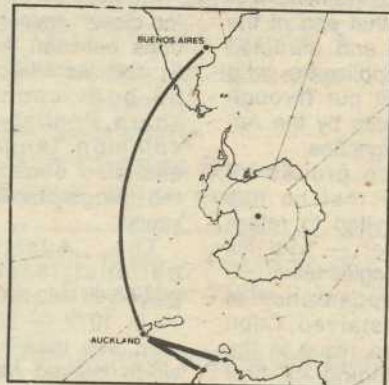
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TURKISH DELIGHTS

BY MIKE JOHNSON

THE time this article goes to press I shall be in Istanbul, Turkey.

Just a few days previously I was coaching Turkey against Chile in the Sydney Ethnic World Cup final in Sydney.

It was expected that this game would draw possibly 5000 people and many of these were expected to be of Turkish origin.

Unfortunately, this cup final clashed with the commencement of the summer National League and specifically the big game between Sydney Olympic and Marconi.

Such is the irony of our soccer.

For six weeks thousands of spectators have been making their way to Garside Park in Granville to watch games featuring Australia, Lebanon, Uruguay and Italy, Romania and Brazil.

The event was very well organised.

It reminded me again how much Australian soccer still relies on the ethnic influence.

When I arrived in Australia there were far more 'fair dinkum' Aussies watching soccer and playing soccer.

The recent rush of immigrants from South America has only accentuated the migrant influence in our game.

Ironically, this has occurred while the earlier immigrants to Australia: the Czechs, Hungarians, Germans, and to a lesser extent the Italians and Greeks have substantially assimilated into Australian society at large and are less inclined to support a nationalistic team.

Soccer is missing right out on the Asians.

There must be a mix of ethnic-based teams and capital city multi-national teams in our National Soccer League.

We cannot afford to turn away Aussie soccer people — but neither should we shun the migrant who still retains his love of soccer and country.

That is why I am in Turkey and why I will move on to Yugoslavia, France and England during the next few weeks.

It is in places such as these, in Europe and South America, that one would expect to observe the most up to date training methods, in countries steeped in soccer tradition.

On the other hand, I will be in Sydney on January 7-12 as an observer at Valentine Park of a senior coaching course put on by recently appointed NSW Director of coaching David Lee.

Lee is a remarkable personality who, I hope, will bring renewed drive and international, up to date methods to NSW soccer coaching.

Turkey

Meanwhile, I look forward to mixing with Turkish people in Istanbul.

They are a proud and passionate people who once ruled three quarters of the known world.

Their country covers a large span in Asia, but their most famous city, Istanbul, is built on the tip of Europe looking over the Aegean Sea.

As a child in England, Australia with its kangaroos, billabongs and soldiers with those hats turned up at the side, was a mysterious, vast place to me.

Turkey has also always stirred similar feelings.

I will not travel the deserts on camels, nor go to the capital, Ankara, in the middle of Asian Turkey.

However, there are five major soccer teams in Istanbul, one of them Galatasaray, who last season made the semi-finals of the European Champions Cup.

So the mysteries of inland Turkey will have to remain mysteries to me.

Spain third

SPAIN took third place in the Ethnic Soccer World Cup after a 5-4 shootout win over last year's champions Macedonia.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw after extra-time, and had to be decided on a penalty shoot-out which ended 4-3 in favour of the Spaniards.

The first 90 minutes of play provided few highlights, with only some drama when Spanish goalkeeper Supancic in the 52nd minute brought down Macedonian striker Hatton inside the box.

Dameski's shot from the penalty spot was well saved by Supancic.

The encounter gained some interest in extra-time.

In the 101st minute, Korapovski opened the score after a mistake from Supancic, and Macedonia went 1-0 up.

But four minutes before the end Spanish midfielder Fernandez left two defenders behind, passed the ball to

Gilbert inside the box, and the striker with a short drive, levelled the scoreline.

In the penalty shoot-out, Spain scored four times through Fernandez, Saya, Martinez and Gilbert, while Villazon missed.

For Macedonia Pilovski, Slavski and Baillie scored and Dameski missed for the second time, and Hatton's penalty was saved by Supancic.

SPAIN: Supancic 7, Ugarte 5, Fernandez 7, Piriz 6, Martinez 6, Villazon 4, Gilbert 4, Orellana 5, De Borja 4, Salinas 5, Saya 6.

MACEDONIA: Hayes 6, Cakovski 5, White 5, Pilovski 6, Reveley 5, Dameski 5, Hatton 5, Baillie 6, Korapovski 6, Spirovski 4, Slavski 5.

Man of the match: Supancic (Spain).



ABOVE — TURKEY, 1989 Ethnic World Cup finalists. BELOW — The Chilean squad and its officials at Garside Park — HECTOR CARRASCO photos.



CHILE BEATS AUSTRALIA TO WIN OVER-35 TITLE

CHILE became the over-35 Sydney Ethnic World Cup champion after defeating title holder Australia 2-1 in a hard-fought final.

Uruguay beat Argentina in a South American derby to finish in

third position.

Third place

URUGUAY: Morales, Costa, Ximeno, Viera (Mercadal 40th), Martinez, Martirena, Pose, Diaz, Llambi, Mullan, Alvez.

ARGENTINA: Novaro, Domene

(Spinelli 30th), Navarro, Betancour, Menendez, Manuele, Panetta, Pasanante, Villegas, Bonasso (Montivero 35th).

Scorers: 25th Llambi (U), 39th Costa (U), (penalty), 52nd Aguayo (A).

Man of the match:

Martinez (Uruguay).

Grand final

CHILE: Navarro, Mendoza, Retamales, Salas, Alarcon, Alvarez (Clavijo 38th), Camano, Zamora (Daza 42nd), Marin, Vazquez, Molina (Guajardo 38th).

AUSTRALIA: Potter,

Crnic, Jones (Callus 52nd), Suggett, Brown, Deeks (Kosanic 53rd), Watson, Gibson, Ainslie, Edwards (Yaager 30th), Moxon.

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Man of the match: Alarcon (Chile).



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Second Division Review

Manly show promise

BY PAUL GOODWIN

SUPPORTERS of long-standing Federation members Manly-Warringah must have been well pleased with the team's 1989 showing, for just 12 months earlier the side had only North Sydney-Artarmon between them and relegation; merely two wins to show for their initial Second Division campaign after being relegated in 1987.

This year, however, The Seaside improved in leaps and bounds and new coach Hugh Hendry must take most of the credit.

A combination which was put together from players available

the scorer of 16 goals in the leading team, won the Player of the Year for his age group, joining first grade winner Bobby Geoghegan who was like a rock in defence all year.

Former secretary and current NSW Soccer Federation vice-president George Dick presented the trophies at the club which is enjoying boom trading these days.

Geoghegan added stability to the back line and was aided by the return of John Garrett, the former Warringah-Freshwater utility player, from a sojourn in Western Australia. Garrett settled down well at left back and like newcomer Mario Nola, was able to move forward very effectively.

Colin Woodward, a Manly junior some

teams, became indispensable towards the end of the term and was back to his creative best.

With youngster Mark Butler nodding in plenty of goals and Tom Gavin operating from much deeper than in the past, the new look Manly was able to look like a top unit most of the time.

Although the side lost its opening game at home to Dulwich Hill, it scored three times and signalled a willingness to attack which led, a week later, to an excellent 3-1 win away to Yugal.

An outstanding 3-2 win at Fairy Meadow on a bog of a pitch, before the weather began to play havoc with the fixture list, gave the side added confidence to go on and beat Gladesville 3-2 and Orange Waratah 5-2, for example.

The team overcame a bad patch to claim a double over Yugal with a 2-0 result, then beat Granville-Chile 1-0 and held Fairy Meadow to a draw. Another double, this time over Bathurst, boosted the points tally which eventually left the side in mid-table, a most satisfactory result.

The club is looking to the future with the sale of land behind the ground expected to yield sufficient funds to enable the expansion of the club premises.

Other plans include a press and announcers box on the far side, which is now well elevated.

It all holds high promise for next season when Cromer Park can expect to see an even better performance from the District's finest.



PETER FALCONER

in the local area soon had points on the board and as the season progressed, other players of high calibre were lured back.

By the time the presentation night came around spirits were very high indeed and over 250 people packed the licensed club to celebrate the success of the lads.

There was double cause for celebration for the under 19 outfit carried off the premiership after setting a hot pace throughout.

Warwick Turpin,

years back, really blossomed in 1989, scoring his first goal against Macedonia and then going on to score in each of the next five games. His midfield work in setting up others efforts did not go unnoticed.

Graham Edmont was another in the middle who showed up well, before having to return to the UK late in the year.

Peter Falconer, with the side a few years ago and once a member of Derby County and Sydney City



Aussie kids who take advantage of the offer to combine soccer and holidays in Holland can watch teams like PSV Eindhoven in action.

Soccer holiday in Holland

BY GEORGE VAN ZENDEN

WHEN it comes to soccer, Holland is one of the leading countries in the world and this may be a reason to plan a soccer holiday in Holland.

Cor Mynders, a well known name in Holland, is a youth soccer coach and is inviting young players to take part in international soccer tournaments on the island of Goeree-Overflakkee.

The island is just south of Rotterdam, the home of the famous Feyenoord club.

Cor Mynders is assisting soccer clubs from all over the world to play football in Holland.

All these services are free of charge.

On arrival, all that the participants have to finance is the accommodation and the bus trips.

Motel accommodation (bed/breakfast/dinner) cost only about \$35 per night — for self-catering \$11 per night.

There are also camp sites for about \$5 a night.

I was in Holland recently and was impressed with the well tended fields and change rooms.

Mynders is not a scout nor an agent for the big professional clubs, but could

arrange trials for promising youngsters with First Division sides.

He explained to me on the phone that he favours teams to come together with their families and friends.

The best time to make the trip to Holland is in April, May or August.

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A day trip to Amsterdam by coach, accompanied by a qualified guide, costs about \$50 and a trip to Volendam \$35.

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MIXED NSL OPENING ROUND

THE NSL first round produced a mixed bag of promotions in NSW.

The Marconi-Sydney Olympic game received a share of media space, and related cover including Australian Soccer Weekly.

Wollongong City, although not drawing particularly well, had special promotional pages in the Illawarra Mercury.

Television cover was to the fore on WIN 4, Prime 7 and Capital 10.

Chairman Lawrie Kelly accepted first instalment of a \$30,000 sponsorship from the Girvan Corporation, builders and licensees of the new North Beach Business and Leisure Centre.

The Melita home game was a happy Maltese community affair.

A 13 man brass band beefed out with great gusto to the enjoyment of the crowd, but it should be recorded that every player was rigged out in different gear from the other.

Blacktown City set about promoting next week's Marconi clash on Radio 2WS, giving precedence to the George Donikian Chanel 9 v 2WS game.

Quite an unusual ploy. We will know on Saturday night if it proved a success.

TAKAC SEEKS POST

WELL KNOWN Sydney coach Ilya Takac is looking for a club.

After being one of the best midfielders in Sydney in the days when Yugal was a strong outfit, he has had over 10 years coaching in NSW State League ranks.

For a while he assisted Manfred Schaefer at St George, before taking over for a year in his own right.

Next followed three years at Yugal, and six with Rockdale Ilinden.

Said Takac: "We had a friendly parting of the ways at Rockdale Ilinden."

"I had been there too long, and am looking for a new challenge."

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Shilton's shadow over English national team

IF there is one English soccer player who could walk into any World Cup team at next year's finals, it would be Peter Shilton.

Dependable as ever



at 40, Shilton showed in the qualifier against Poland he will have a crucial bearing on the extent to which England prosper in the final series in Italy.

Shilton's agility and judgment saved his side from considerable embarrassment against the fast-running Poles and the player himself believes he can stay at the top for three more years.

Suddenly, however, more than one respected voice has suggested that Shilton's continued monopoly in the England goal might actually be counter-productive.

What happens if the great man is injured is a question few in the England hierarchy are prepared to contemplate.

Ray Clemence, Shilton's contemporary who won 61 caps in goal for England at a time when the two players made alternate appearances, knows more than anyone the importance of having a capable understudy available should the unthinkable happen.

"Dear as I would love Peter to set his next record, it would be a mistake which could prove fatal if he plays in more than two or three of the matches

before Italy," Clemence said.

"A World Cup quarter-final is no place for an inexperienced goalkeeper," he added, evoking memories of a painful precedent for England fans.

in Mexico, poor Peter Bonetti, no mean goalkeeper but short of experience in the cauldron of international soccer, received much of the blame for defeat.

An injured finger or a stomach upset in Italy could easily sideline Shilton at a crucial stage and, to date, current England manager Bobby Robson has given little indication that the Bonetti saga could never happen again.

Shilton, with 111 caps to his credit, has Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings's all-time record of 119 appearances clearly in his sights and is loath to miss even a second of international action.

"What do people expect me to do — just sit on the sidelines and watch?" he asked.

"I'll be very disappointed if, as certain people have suggested, I miss a load of games."

The spotlight, however, seems destined to shift towards



several younger hopefuls over the coming months, whether or not Shilton stands aside voluntarily.

Chris Woods, Glasgow Rangers' highly-rated goalkeeper, has been Shilton's understudy for five years but has played only seven full games for his country and is now 30 years old.

England's other squad goalkeepers are Davis Seaman of Queen's Park Rangers, who made his only full appearance in a 1-1 draw against Saudi Arabia in November 1988, and Chelsea's Dave Beasant, an unconventional giant who has yet to progress beyond the substitutes' bench.

Nigel Martyn, England under 21 team goalkeeper, could be a surprise late challenger as we wrote in

ASW.

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Tony Cascarino and Andy Townsend celebrate the Republic of Ireland's 3-0 World Cup qualifying win over Northern Ireland last month. A draw in Malta next week will mathematically clinch a berth in the finals for Jack Charlton's men.

UK Scene

UEFA DRAW

HOLDERS Napoli have drawn a tough West German opponent in Round 3 of the UEFA Cup — Werder Bremen, the team for whom All White Wynton Rufer is scoring freely.

To make things tougher for the Italians, the second leg is in Bremen.

The draw: Napoli v Werder Bremen, Juventus v Karlsruher SC, Olympiakos v Auxerre, Fiorentina v Dynamo Kiev, Hamburg SV v Porto, FC Koln v Red Star Belgrade, VfB Stuttgart v Antwerp, Rapid Vienna v FC Liege.

First legs to be played on November 20, return games on December 6.

The draws for the quarter-finals of the European Champions' and Cup-Winners' Cups will be made in January.

TIMES have certainly changed for Terry Venables' former right-hand man Allan Harris.

It wasn't long ago that he was number two to 'El Tel' at Barcelona, yet now he's assisting with coaching duties at struggling Vauxhall Conference club Enfield.

Harris, sacked by Real Sociedad before the team had even played a game, is a long-standing friend of Enfield's new manager Mike Ferguson.

Enfield are currently languishing at the foot of the Conference table and are 500-1 rank outsiders to win the League.

QUEEN'S Park Rangers have signed Irish triplets Keith, Chris and Luke Farrell. The 15-year-old Dubliners will join the club next summer when they finish their school exams. Tottenham and Luton Town were also after the brothers who play in goal, at fullback and in attack respectively.

BRIGHTON's star defender Gary Chivers may soon be playing for ... Malta. The Maltese FA discovered that Gary's father changed his name from Sciberras after moving to England.

HULL have offered \$200,000 for Sheffield Wednesday's Imre Varadi, but the striker is not keen to drop a division.

JOHN BARNES has denied rumours he was leaving Liverpool, but admits he has moved his residence to Hemel Hempstead. Barnes just signed a three-year contract worth \$220,000 to promote gear for the disabled.

ALAN BALL is moving again. The ex-Portsmouth manager and 1966 England World Cup star, who was Jock Wallace's assistant at Colchester, has been appointed Mick Mills' assistant at Stoke City.

Israel ousted

COLOMBIA became the 13th World Cup qualifier when they held Israel to a 0-0 draw in the second leg of their Oceania/South America play-off last Monday in Tel Aviv.

Defending a 1-0 lead from the first leg, the Colombians were put under intense pressure for much of the match, but the Israelis' territorial advantage came to nothing as they squandered a host of chances.

Shalom Tikva, who



FIFA

plays for Belgian side Standard Liege, was the chief culprit.

He followed a volley over the bar from a cross by Ronnie Rosen-thal with two close-range shots straight at Colombian goalkeeper Rene Higuita.

Israel's defence had little to do but as the home side pushed players forward in a bid to force the match into extra time, substitute Albeiro Usurriaga twice came close to giving the Colombians the lead late in the game.

Draw for League Cup

THIS is the draw for the fourth round of the English League Cup.

Derby County v West Bromwich Albion, Manchester City v Coventry, Aston Villa v West Ham v Middlesbrough or Wimbledon, Oldham v Arsenal, Tranmere Rovers v Tottenham, Swindon or Bolton v Southampton, Exeter v Sunderland or AFC Bournemouth, Crystal Palace or Nottingham Forest v Everton.

Ties to be played in the week starting November 20.

USA in strife

THE USA may have missed the boat for Italy after being held to a scoreless draw at home by El Salvador last Sunday.

They now have to beat Trinidad and Tobago away on November 17 to qualify for Italy.

A draw will see the West Indians through as they have the better goal-difference.

FANS REJECT ID CARDS

A petition signed by more than 400,000 people is to be presented to the British government protesting the planned identity card scheme for soccer.

The signatures, presenting an average total attendance for a Saturday league programme, have been gathered by the Football Supporters' Association and will be presented in London tomorrow.

The anti-hooliganism legislation could be law by November unless the government can be made to rethink.

The government decided on identity cards after trouble involving England fans at last year's European Championships.

Association spokesman Rogan Taylor says they do not think the system will work.

He says the bill is not about solving the problem of hooliganism in soccer but is simply about the government showing they are doing something.

He says even the police are against the idea.

Rojas a scapegoat?

THE Brazilian team-mates of Chilean goalie Roberto Rojas say he is being used as a scapegoat by his country's soccer officials for an incident in a World Cup qualifying match in September.

Rojas pretended he was hit by a signal flare that fell near him during a World Cup qualifying match between Brazil and Chile in Rio's Maracana Stadium on September 3.

The visitors abandoned the field losing 1-0, a result that eliminated Chile from the 1990 World Cup.

A fortnight ago, FIFA suspended Rojas

for life from international matches and for 90 days from all soccer activity for faking his injury.

"Rojas was practically abandoned by the Chilean Federation and took the full blame for the play-acting at Maracana stadium," Sao Paulo goalie Gilmar said in an interview published in the newspaper O ESTADO in Sao Paulo.

His team-mates at Sao Paulo, where Rojas has played since 1987, said the goalie was unfairly singled out for punishment.

"What about his team-mates, who also took part in the episode? Why weren't they punished?" asked Gilmar.

Defender Nelsinho said, "I know Rojas well, and I'm sure he didn't plan that. He was used, and unfortunately he paid for it alone."

The player's contract with Sao Paulo expired July 27 and was not renewed.

After the incident, the club offered to sell Rojas for \$700,000 but found no takers.

Sao Paulo president Juvenal Juvencio said the club would try to help the Chilean player find another club.

"The punishment infringes his rights, preventing him from practicing his profession. For that reason, we intend to facilitate his transfer," Juvencio said.



Rojas is carried off the Maracana Stadium by Chilean team-mates after claiming he was hit by a flare.

Bazdarevic outed!

YUGOSLAVIA's Mehmet Bazdarevic was barred for one year from international competition for insulting and spitting at the referee in an October 11 World Cup qualifying game against Norway.

The suspension by FIFA means Bazdarevic will miss next summer's World Cup finals in Italy, for which Yugoslavia had already qualified at the time it met Norway.

Bazdarevic, who plays with French club Sochaux, also was fined \$850 under the ruling by FIFA's Disciplinary Commission.



And he has been banned from playing for his club in European club competitions for one year as well.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

- Scottish club Aberdeen are looking to Austria for a striker. They are on the trail of Admir Wacker's 24-year-old international Gerhard Rodax, the leading scorer in First Division, but chances are the new pin-up boy will go to Italy after the World Cup finals.
- Roger Gustavsson is the new coach of Swedish side IFK Göteborg. He replaces long-time coach Kjell Petersson, who resigned after Göteborg's dismal seventh place in the recently concluded competition, won by Malmö again.
- The international friendly between the Republic of Ireland and Yugoslavia in Dublin on December 14 has been cancelled.
- France's national team will spend two weeks during the winter break in Kuwait where they will take part in an international tournament with the local national team, East Germany and possibly Colombia.
- Tahiti have applied for membership of FIFA — with the blessing of France. Tahiti, a French colony, has been a member of the French Federation, along with New Caledonia, for the past 75 years.
- Bayern Munich announced yesterday that during the five-week Bundesliga winter break they would tour the United States and Japan. The West German champions will take part in a tournament in Los Angeles with the USA, Mexico and Costa Rica, and in Tokyo they will play the Japanese national team. Bayern will receive \$125,000 dollars per match as appearance fee.



On the ball in SOUTH AMERICA

BY MARIO ETCHART

IN a surprisingly severe decision, the Brazilian Soccer Confederation suspended Coritiba for one year for failing to show up for a game in the national championship.

The ruling eliminates Coritiba from all tournaments organised by the Confederation, including the national championship this year and in 1990.

The club said it would appeal the decision.

The suspension benefits Cruzeiro, Santos and Recife Sport in a dispute for the final berths in the second phase of the Copa União (National League).

Coritiba, the 1985 Brazilian champion, didn't show up to face Santos in its final game of the first phase of the tournament.

The club, competing with Sport of Recife for a berth in the second phase, claimed its rival had an unfair advantage because it played its final game with Vasco de Gama earlier and would know the score it needed to qualify.

Coritiba's legal advisors won a court order suspending the game.

However, the Supreme Sports Tribunal in Rio overturned the order, ruling there was no grounds to suppose Vasco and Sport would conspire to jeopardise Coritiba.

Santos was given the victory by walkover.

The Confederation immediately met and

- Former Brazilian international Palinha has resigned as coach of Sao Paulo team, Corinthians.
- Peru's unsuccessful World Cup bid has resulted in a financial loss of \$700,000.
- The Mexican season will kick off next month with 39 foreign players, considerably less than last season when 69 imports appeared in the First Division — 16 Chileans, 15 Argentines, 11 Uruguayans, 10 Brazilians, 7 Paraguayans, 5 Central Americans and two each from Peru and the USA. Only Chilean Jorge Aravena, 27 goals with Puebla, was good value for money, thus the reduced numbers of foreign players next season.
- Trinidad and Tobago's World Cup team, still in the running for a spot in the 1990 finals, defeated Nacional, of Uruguay, 2-1 in Port of Spain, but then lost, also at home, to Finland 1-0.
- Jose Mario, Belenenses' 30-year-old former Brazilian international defender, has retired. He left Portugal last month to return to Santos.

Chilean is hot

CHILEAN star Ivan Zamorano wasn't wanted by Italy's Bologna.

They bought him only to send him on loan to Swiss club Sankt Gallen.

Now Bologna are wishing they could have him back.

Zamorano has scored two hat-tricks in the Swiss League so far this season — and in double quick time.

His first took 13 minutes.

His second, in a 5-1 rout of Sion, took a record four minutes!

Real, Barcelona out!

BY LOU GAUTIER



SPAIN's top two clubs, Real Madrid and Barcelona, were bundled out of Europe last week when Real Madrid, despite beating AC Milan 1-0, and Barcelona, 2-1 victors over Anderlecht, could not make up their first leg deficits.

AC Milan are joined by Marseille, Benfica, Bayern Munich, PSV Eindhoven, Dnepr, CFKA Sofia and Mechelen in a hot Champions' Cup quarter-final field.

In a night of big scores last Wednesday, PSV thrashed Steaua Bucharest 5-1, Benfica walloped Honved 7-0, Mechelen humiliated Malmö 4-1 and Sofia outclassed Sparta Prague 3-0 while Marseille grabbed a draw against AEK in Athens and Bayern were untroubled to win 3-0 in Albania.

In the Cup-Winners' Cup, Monaco qualified on the away goals rule when they drew 1-1 in East Berlin after a scoreless draw in the first leg and Dinamo Bucharest hammered Panathinaikos 6-1.

Despite a 3-1 defeat at Groningen, Partizan Belgrade qualified for the last eight as did Sampdoria, Real Valladolid, Admira and Grasshoppers. Zurich, 4-1 victors on aggregate over Torpedo Moscow, who will tour Australia early next year.

The UEFA Cup is only at the last 16 stage after last week's matches and holders Napoli had the narrowest of wins, 2-1, against the modest Swiss from Wettingen, after trailing 1-0 at half-time.

Napoli took the field without Diego Maradona, who was suspended for arriving at San Paolo Stadium in his own car instead of taking the team bus in



Paris St-Germain's veteran Yugoslav midfielder Safet Susic.

yet another episode of the Maradona-Napoli soap opera.

All three Italian clubs got through as Fiorentina qualified on the away goals rule and Juventus again beat Paris St-Germain.

Frank Farina's FC Brugge were eliminated when beaten 4-3 by Rapid in Vienna after losing 2-1 at home.

The full results:

EUROPEAN CUP: Nentori Tirana (Albania) 0 Bayern Munich 3, Bayern win 6-1 on aggregate, Benfica (Portugal) 7 Honved (Hungary) 0, Benfica win 9-0 on aggregate, CFKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 3 Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia) 0, CFKA win 5-2 on aggregate, PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 5 Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 1, PSV win 5-2 on aggregate, Swarovski Tirol (Austria) 2 Dnepropetrovsk (Soviet Union) 2, Dnepropetrovsk win 4-2 on aggregate, Mechelen (Belgium) 4 Malmö (Sweden) 1, Mechelen win 4-1 on aggregate, AEK Athens (Greece) 1 Marseille (France) 1, Marseille win 3-1 on aggregate, Real Madrid (Spain) 1 AC Milan (Italy) 0, AC Milan win 2-1 on aggregate.

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Dinamo Bucharest (Romania) 6 Panathinaikos (Greece) 1, Dinamo win 8-1 on aggregate, Sampdoria (Italy) 2 Borussia Dortmund (West Germany) 0, Sampdoria win 3-1 on aggregate, Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 3 Groningen (Netherlands) 1, Partizan win 6-5 on aggregate, Djurgården (Sweden) 2 Real Valladolid (Spain) 2, Real Valladolid win 4-2 on aggregate, Ferencváros (Hungary) 0 Admira Wacker (Austria) 1, Admira win 2-0 on aggregate, Barcelona (Spain) 2 Anderlecht

(Belgium) 1 (after extra time. Score after 90 minutes 2-0), Anderlecht win 3-2 on aggregate, Dynamo Berlin (East Germany) 1 Monaco (France) 1 (after extra-time. Score after 90 minutes 0-0), Aggregate score 1-1. Monaco win on away goals rule, Grasshoppers Zurich 3 Torpedo Moscow (Soviet Union) 0, Grasshoppers win 4-1 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP: Napoli (Italy) 2 Wettingen (Switzerland) 1, Napoli win 2-1 on aggregate, Rapid Vienna (Austria) 4 FC Brugge (Belgium) 3, Rapid win 6-4 on aggregate, Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 1 Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 1, Dynamo Kiev win 4-1 on aggregate, Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union) 0 FC Köln (West Germany) 0, FC Köln win 3-1 on aggregate, Zalgiris Vilnius (Soviet Union) 0 Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 1, Red Star win 4-1 on aggregate, Juventus (Italy) 2 Paris St-Germain (France) 1, Juventus win 3-1 on aggregate, Valencia (Spain) 3 Porto (Portugal) 2, Porto win 5-4 on aggregate, VfB Stuttgart (West Germany) 5 Zenit Leningrad (Soviet Union) 0, Stuttgart win 6-0 on aggregate, Sochaux (France) 1 Fiorentina (Italy) 1, Aggregate score 1-1. Fiorentina win on away goals rule, Karl-Marx-Stadt (East Germany) 4 Slon (Switzerland) 1, Karl-Marx-Stadt win 5-3 on aggregate, Auxerre (France) 3 Palloseura (Finland) 0, Auxerre win 8-0 on aggregate, FC Liege (Belgium) 1 Hibernian (Scotland) 0, Liege win 1-0 on aggregate, Dundee United (Scotland) 3 Antwerp (Belgium) 2, Antwerp win 6-3 on aggregate, Hamburg (West Germany) 2 Zaragoza (Spain) 0, Hamburg win 2-1 on aggregate.

FK Austria 2 Werder Bremen 0, Werder win 5-2 on aggregate, Olympiakos v Foto Net Austria 1-1, Olympiakos wins on aggregate away goals rule 3-3.

Asia seeks to host World Cup

ASIA will seek to host the World Cup finals for the first time in the year 2002, possibly in Japan, China, South Korea or Saudi Arabia.

Peter Velappan,

age in Asia, which could become a stronghold like Europe or South America.

"Asian teams are the teams of the future," he said.

He said Asia would ask FIFA for increased representation from

Australia and New Zealand are almost certain to be included in the Asian zone for the 1994 World Cup qualifiers, and added representation would sweeten the pill for the Asians.

Velappan said there was a need to establish more professional soccer clubs in Asia to give players more experience and technical expertise, and to discourage them from emigrating to Europe.

As part of plans to raise the level of the game in the region, he said the AFC planned to establish a Women's Asian Cup championship every year and an Asian under 21 tournament every two years.

The AFC has also asked Thailand to host a four-nation tournament with Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to revive soccer in Indochina, Velappan said.

He said FIFA's approval was being sought for the tournament, which he hoped would be held in Bangkok in December.



Chinese captain Ma-Lin — his team did not make the 1990 World Cup finals, but China is tipped the stage the event in 2002.

Asian Football Confederation (AFC) secretary general, said soccer was coming of

two to three teams in the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States.



Enzo Francescoli in action for Uruguay against Bolivia in the World Cup. His club side, Marseille, are through to the quarter-finals of the European Champions' Cup.

Spartak Moscow tops in USSR

SPARTAK Moscow won the Soviet soccer championship for the 12th time and a place in next season's European Cup.

The Soviet line-up for next season's European club competitions is now complete.

Third-placed Dynamo Kiev are assured of a place in the UEFA Cup since the runners-up and 1988 champions Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk have already secured a place in the Cup Winners' Cup.

Zalgiris Vilnius, Torpedo Moscow, who tour Australia early next year, and Chernomorets Odessa will take the other three places.

The number of

places depends on the showing of Soviet teams in this year's European competitions.

Their performance so far has been mediocre, with only two of the six sides winning their second-round first leg ties.

For Chernomorets, a club usually to be found fighting off the threat of relegation at the end of the season, even the hope of a UEFA place is something to celebrate.

Soviet sides are traditionally at a disadvantage in Europe because their spring and summer season reaches its climax just as the European competitions start.

POLISH TRAIL

CELTIC manager Billy McNeill is on the trail of another Polish international.

McNeill has already paid almost \$1 million for Dariusz Dziekanowski, who has been an instant hit at Parkhead.

Now he is keen on Legia Warsaw left-back Dariusz Wdowczyk, who is available for about \$650,000.

The defender has been recommended to McNeill by Dziekanowski.

FAMILY FEUD

MILTOS Papastolou, coach to controversy-hit Greek club Olympiakos, was furious at being given Hungarian Imre Komora as assistant.

For Komora is also father-in-law of the Greeks' \$9 million star Lajos Detari.

"Either he goes, or I go," said Papastolou. Club president Argiris Saliarelis agreed.

Papastolou was delighted ... until Saliarelis told him: "I think it's better you go."

His replacement? Komora.

Algerian coach

THE Algerian Soccer Federation has appointed Abdelhamid Kermali interim coach of the national team.

Kermali, whose club team, Mouloudia, of Algiers, is amongst the top First Division sides, will be assisted by former national team captain Ali Fergani and Hadj Radaoui.

The trio will be in charge of the Algerian squad in the return World Cup qualifying play-off match against Egypt in Cairo on November 17.

Algeria drew the first leg 0-0 at home two weeks ago, resulting in the resignation of long-time national coach Kamel Lemoui.



Egypt's HASSAN IBRAHIM — in action against Algeria in Cairo for a World Cup finals berth on November 17.

• Sixteen thousand spectators watched Hans-Peter Briegel's farewell testimonial in Kaiserslautern. To honour the 34-year-old former West German defender, FC Kaiserslautern played against a "European" XI which included players like Altobelli, Camacho, Gentile, Johnny Rep, Rummenigge and Stielike, which won 4-3.



AS Roma's West German stars Thomas Berthold (left) and Rudi Voller tangle with Napoli's Massimo Crippa (on the ground) and Andrea Carnevale during an Italian League game.